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WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 15,

THE EQUALIZATION OF BOUNTIES.

Gen. SCHENCK, Chairman of the House Military Committee, recently addressed a letter to the Secretary of War, asking for information concerning the amount that would probably be required to equalize the bounties of all volunteers during the rebellion. The Secretary replied by inclosing reports from the Provost-Marshal-General and the Paymaster-General, which reveal some very startling statistics. Gen. FRY, after careful investigation, reports that 1,722,690 enlisted men have received bounties, as follows:

1,156,868 at $100 each.....	$115,686,800
10,606 at $200 each.....	2,121,200
306,709 at $300 each.....	119,012,700
158,509 at $400 each.....	63,402,800
1,722,590	$300,223,500

The number of enlisted men who have received no bounties is 738,372. To pay each soldier or his representative enough to bring his bounty up to $400, the largest bounty paid by the general government, will require $684,197,300. And to pay each soldier such highest bounty in proportion to the time of his service, will require $551,392,900. After reverting to these alarming figures, Gen. FRY adds: "I will take the liberty of reminding the Secretary of War that the foregoing inquiries and answers relate only to the expenditure that would result from an attempt to equalize the bounties of the general government, and if this object were attained, even at the enormous cost shown above, it would be but a partial advance toward equalizing all the bounties government, State and local, which have been paid to men for enlisting during the rebellion. The subject of requiring the general government to assume all the bounties paid is already discussed, and if affirmatively decided, the present attempt to equalize government bounties, if carried out, would establish a precedent for a further equalization at the expense of the government of all bounties, and this would cost probably thousands of millions, instead of hundreds of millions. I feel justified in saying that in either attempt to equalize, but a small fraction of the money will ever reach the soldiers for whom it is intended."

Paymaster-General BRICE, in his report to the Secretary of War, also transmitted, furnishes tables corroborating the figures of Gen. FRY, and makes the following forcible argument against the project:

"The sums estimated as necessary to accomplish the end proposed, if even reduced by one-half, give an amount of money sufficiently enormous and startling in its proportions to awaken the gravest consideration as to the expediency of the measure, if, indeed, it can be regarded as practicable at the present crisis without entailing financial ruin. It cannot be urged in such view of the consequences that the measure is expedient. For can it any more be claimed that justice to the soldier demands it. All enlisted during the war have received the bounty allowance for which they contracted at the beginning when volunteers pressed into the service even beyond the demands of the government. The bounty allowance of one hundred dollars for two years' faithful service was quite adequate to the condition of things at that time. Recruits at that day were untried, had seen no previous service. Subsequently, in a special emergency, rapid recruiting became necessary, and the great value of tried soldiers of experience, and whose physcal sufficiency had been tested, so commended itself to the government that the inducement was wisely offered of three hundred dollars additional to the veteran soldier who should reënlist, and two hundred dollars to the recruit who should enlist in a veteran organization. It would seem poor justice to these veterans who responded to the call of the country in the time of her greatest emergency, to bring up all classes of soldiers to their level of bounty allowances, ignoring all distinction between those who served a limited period and returned to their homes, and those who by reënlistment dedicated to the country their continued services at great personal sacrifice till the fighting should be ended. It is certain that to a greater extent than is now apprehended, such legislation will insure to the benefit of speculating adventurers all over the land who have been buying soldiers' discharges with a view to such anticipated legislation, and who are now, doubtless, covertly pressing its consummation. The large bounty allowances thus far given, spite of the careful vigilance and scrutiny of the officers of this department, have led to frauds incalculable. It cannot be doubted that such extension of these allowances as is proposed will give new impetus and opportunity to evil-doers in that line beyond anything known to the past. This subject presents another consideration of no trifling importance as the result of legislation to equalize the bounties. The adjustment and payment of two millions of individuals' bounty claims, if done by this bureau, with its present force, and with its own organization with clerks, would require for its performance indefinite years. It is no exaggeration to say that the payment of an entire organized regiment in the prescribed manner involves less time and labor than the preparation and payment of the average of one such individual claim which demands, as they all do, a groping investigation through a long series of back files. In these cases and in these times it will not do to rely upon the mere certificate of discharge in the claimant's possession and the facts therein stated. Such papers are now so expertly forged outright or by material alterations on their face as constantly to deceive shrewed judges. They must be corroborated by the record rolls on file. Furthermore, clear proof of identity in every case must be had to protect against fraud. These bare statements will serve to give an idea of the magnitude of the questions attending this subject.

Gen. PRICE, in conclusion, suggests that if further remuneration is persistently demanded, land bounties be given.

LOSS BY PAYMASTERS.

The interesting statement is made (derived from an official source) that during the Mexican war the loss by Paymasters in the army was $7,000, while during the war with Great Britain, when as much more was expended as in the Mexican war, the loss through Paymasters was $2,000,000, and during the war of the rebellion, though the disbursements amounted to $1,028,000,000, the loss will be about $300,000, or less than half a million.

THE DISTRICT SUFFRAGE BILL.

In the House to-day, after the morning hour, the District Suffrage Bill came up again and Mr. KASSON made a most brilliant and effective speech in favor of an affrage based upon intelligence, and also in reply to the very broad ground assumed by Mr. KELLY the other day, that the constitution gave Congress the power to prescribe the qualifications of electors in the States, which was a complete annihilation of Mr. KELLY. Mr. KASSON eloquently expressed himself in favor of a wide construction of the constitution in time of war, but careful construction in time of peace, in order to preserve the municipal liberty of the States.

MISSOURI POLITICS.

The *Press* to-day received a certified copy of the proceedings of a meeting held in Missouri recently, in the Sixth Congressional District, for the purpose of discussing the action and votes of Hon. R. T. VANHORN, representative of that district. The resolutions are strongly denunciatory of Mr. VANHORNE for voting and acting with the radicals; they also assert that Mr. VANHORNE misrepresents the sentiments of three-fourths of his constituents.

THE DISPUTED PENNSYLVANIA SEATS.

The Committee of Elections will submit two reports to-morrow in reference to the vacant seat for the Sixteenth Pennsylvania District. The majority report gives the seat pending the investigation of the case, and as the papers appear *prima facie*, to Mr. COFFROTH, the Democratic contestant. A minority report in favor of Mr. KOONTZ will also be submitted to the House. This action decides nothing as to the real merits of the case.

THE SLANDERS AGAINST MRS. LINCOLN.

Mr. KASSON's explanation in the House to-day with reference to the scandalous stories set afloat by the enemies of the late President and his wife, although not authorized by the Committee on Appropriations, states the real facts of the case. It is understood that the committee made no formal investigation of the matter, but they did examine it by calling before them as witnesses all the persons connected officially or otherwise with the White House, who would naturally be supposed to know anything about it. Mr. STEVENS and Mr. SPALDING, members of that committee, were correct in saying that Mr. KASSON did not express the opinion of that committee so far as any formal action was taken. But the committee did, nevertheless, refuse to make any further inquiry, because the testimony which they had elicited satisfied nearly every member of the committee that the rumors which have been for some time current on the subject, are entirely unfounded. Mr. KASSON, although he may have departed from usage in disclosing the proceedings of the committee, nevertheless did the cause of justice and public decency an essential service in silencing the scandals and slanders which have been so largely indulged in.

THE CANADIAN DELEGATION.

The members of the delegation from British North American Provinces arrived this morning. They are: Hon. Mr. GALT, Finance Minister, and Hon. Mr. HOWLAND, Postmaster-General from Canada; Hon. Mr. SMITH, Attorney-General of New-Brunswick, and Hon. Mr. HENRY, Attorney-General of Nova Scotia. Mr. HARVEY, of Canada, is their Secretary. Hon. JOS. HOWE, of Halifax, will arrive to-morrow. These gentlemen are prepared to discuss the commercial part of the relations between the Provinces and the United States with the Secretary of the Treasury, in whose annual report it was stated that concurrent legislation was the preferable way of settling it. They have already had interviews with the British Ambassador, and with Mr. Secretary MCCULLOCH. Probably they will be introduced or referred by him to the Congressional Committee on Commerce, where the report of the United States Revenue Commission, now sitting in the New-York Custom-house, is ready.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE CATTLE PLAGUE.

The Secretary of the Treasury, learning that the cattle plague might possibly be introduced by the importation of hides of cattle that have died from its effects, to-day issued the following circular to Collectors:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15, 1866.

SIR: I have been informed that the ship *Sanausky*, recently arrived at Fayal, from Bristol for New-York, is laden in part with hides said to have been taken from cattle that have died from the disease now prevalent in England, and known as the "cattle plague."

Customs officers cannot exercise too much vigilance in guarding against the introduction of this terrible disease, and will permit no foreign hides to be landed without first reporting in each case and receiving instructions from the dep rtment allowing the entry.

Very respectfully, HUGH MCCULLOCH,
Secretary of the Treasury.

A REMONSTRANCE.

A remonstrance has been addressed to Congress by the American Home Labor League against the petition signed by the officers of the Free Trade League. The remonstrants say they represent to a large extent the interests of agriculture, mining, manufactures and commerce, and they most respectfully dissent from the views of political economy, and of the true business relations which exist among mankind, that are expressed by the Free Trade League.

SNOW-STORM.

A snow-storm commenced here about 2 o'clock this afternoon. There is good sleighing now, (10 o'clock,) and snow and hail are still falling.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SUPREME COURT.

In the Supreme Court of the United States to-day, Mr. WILKES ANGEL, of New-York, was admitted as an attorney and counsellor.

The same court to-day decided a number of important cases, including that of the brig *Isabella Thompson*, appellant, against the United States, an appeal from the District Court for the Southern District of New-York. The Supreme Court held that the District Court has exclusive jurisdiction in cases of prizes. Authorities were quoted to show that a seizure may be made when there is probable cause. The *Isabella Thompson* was captured in 1863 by a United States steamer on suspicion of being engaged in the blockade trade. The *Argyle* had taken at Wilmington a cargo worth nearly $42,000, and transferred it to the *Isabella Thompson* at Nassau. There was reasonable ground that both were engaged in that business. The general guilt continued, notwithstanding, the stoppage of the vessel at an intermediate port. The case of probable cause was made out, in the opinion of the Supreme Court, which to-day affirmed the decree of the court below.

PERSONAL.

Mr. HARLAN will not resign his position as Secretary of the Interior until about the 1st of February, 1867. Such is the announcement of his confidential friends.

ANOTHER INDIAN DELEGATION.

Another delegation of Indians from the West arrived here to-day to have a talk with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. We have now five separate delegations of Indians in the city, and intelligence has been received of the coming of representatives from about a dozen additional tribes. The principal object of these visits on the part of the Indians is to become reconstructed and to obtain official certificates of their renewed loyalty, they having joined the rebel army in the late war.

MILITARY CHANGES.

By direction of Major-Gen. HANCOCK the Military District of Western Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Eastern Shore and District of Western Virginia have been discontinued. Harper's Ferry has been maintained as an independent post.

Major-Gen. J. H. WILSON, United States Volunteers, has been assigned temporarily to the command of the Department of Georgia.

Col. P. P. BROWN, Seventh Regiment Veteran Volunteers, has been ordered to assume command of the post of Philadelphia and the detachments immediately adjacent thereto.

THE CANCELLATION OF REVENUE STAMPS.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue to-day issued an important circular respecting the cancellation of revenue stamps, which will be of general interest to the business men of the country. After referring to the different sections of the Stamp Act of June 30, 1864, he decides that under the power thus conferred authority has been given to imprint the initials and date upon stamps in ink instead of writing them. The imprint must be distinct and legible. If proprietary stamps cannot be so affixed to the boxes, bottles or packages, that in opening the same, or in using the contents thereof, they shall and must be unavoidably and effectually destroyed, they should be canceled in the ordinary manner, by writing or imprinting thereon the initials and date. Cancellation by writing or imprinting the initials and date in ink, whereby the stamp is made to correspond in those particulars with the instrument to which it is affixed, is not only the legal but also the most effectual method against fraud, and must be adopted, except in the case of proprietary articles, where it is otherwise specially provided. Frequent reports have reached this office showing that the law upon this subject is very often discarded. In some instances stamps are used without being obliterated or destroyed in any manner whatever. In others, a cross simply, generally with ink, but sometimes even with a pencil is used, or a hole is punched through the stamp. These and similar methods of cancellation afford little or no protection against the use of stamps a second time. Great frauds may be, and as investigation shows have been practiced upon the public revenue, in this manner, collectors, assessors, inspectors and all other officers of this bureau are therefore instructed to give this subject their special attention; to bring it to the notice of persons using stamps and to require strict conformity to the law. If persons, after having been fully notified of the requirements of the statute respecting the cancellation of stamps and of their liabilities for non-compliance therewith, willfully persist in their fraudulent use without effectually canceling and obliterating them in the manner required by law, legal proceedings should be instituted for the recovery of the prescribed penalties.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate to-day confirmed the following appointments as United States District Attorneys:

Lawrence Welden, for the Southern District of Illinois; A. O. Kesby, for the District of New-Jersey; Daniel S. Dickinson, for the Southern District of New-York; Augustus D. Griswold, for the Western District of Michigan; Caleb Baldwin, for the District of Iowa; William J. Jones, for the District of Maryland; J. B. D. Coggswell, for the District of Wisconsin; Wingate Hayes, for the District of Rhode Island; R. B. Carnohan, for the Western District of Pennsylvania; D. C. Dennison, for the District of Vermont; Hiram Willey, for the District of Connecticut; John Hanna, for the District of Indiana; E. G. Bradford, for the District of Delaware; Charles W. Rand, for the District of New-Hampshire; George F. Talbot, for the District of Maine; Richard H. Dana, for the District of Massachusetts; P. C. Elmaker, for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

To be United States Marshals—B. J. Spooner, for the District of Indiana; J. Dickey, for the Eastern District of Michigan; David S. Gooding, for the District of Columbia; Charles Clark, for the District of Maine; Joseph A. Jones, for the Northern District of Illinois; Daniel R. Goodlier, for the District of North Carolina.

Also Robert B. Mitchell, of Kansas, to be Governor of the Territory of New-Mexico; George P. Estee, of Ohio, to be Secretary of the Territory of New-Mexico; Wm. H. Gale, of New-York, to be Associate Justice of Colorado Territory; Milton Kelly, to be Associate Justice of Idaho Territory; Wm. Kellogg, of Illinois, to be Chief Justice of Nebraska Territory; David L. Phillips, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois; Edmund Brick, of New-Jersey, to be Consul at Valencia, Spain; and to be Deputy Postmasters—Edward Whaley, at Fairie du Chien, Wis.; Edwin Shaw, at Fall River, Mass.; and Abijah M. Ide, at Taunton, Mass.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

SEFATE....MONDAY, Jan. 15.

AN ARMY EXAMINATION BOARD.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill to provide for the appearance of every officer in the United States Army before a competent board of examination to be appointed and convened by the Secretary of War. Officers who fail to pass a satisfactory examination shall be put upon the retired list, or dropped from the rolls, and the vacancies thus created shall be filled by selections from officers who have passed the most satisfactory examination, without regard to seniority or arm of the service.

The bill was referred to the Military Committee.

THE PEACE ORGANIZATION.

Mr. WILSON introduced the bill, recently offered by him, for fixing the strength and providing for the organization of the army on a peace basis. It contains some amendments made since first offered. It provides for five regiments of artillery, twelve of cavalry, and fifty-five of infantry. Of the new regiments of infantry, ten shall be of colored troops and of the veteran reserves.

The bill was, on motion, recommitted to the Military Committee.

PETITION IN FAVOR OF A PROTECTIVE TARIFF.

Mr. WADE, of Ohio, presented a memorial, numerously signed, in favor of a protective tariff, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

PETITION FOR UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.

Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, (Union,) presented the petition of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, of Missouri, in favor of universal suffrage, which was referred to the Special Committee on Reconstruction.

REBEL CADET APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, (Union,) offered the following, and explained that the person named in the resolution had been appointed upon the recommendation of a member of the House from Kentucky, in preference to the son of Gen. J. JACKSON, a Federal officer, killed in the late war:

Resolved, That JAMES J. WHEELER, of Kentucky, now a cadet in the Naval Academy, and formerly in the military service of the so-called Confederate States, be dismissed from the Academy; and no person shall be appointed as a cadet in the Naval or Military Academy of the United States who shall have rendered aid and assistance to the said rebellion.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

PETITION FOR PRIZE MONEY.

Mr. ANTHONY, of Rhode Island, (Union,) presented the petition of certain naval officers, who took part in the destruction of the *Albemarle*, asking for an allowance of prize money, which was referred to the Naval Committee.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Mr. ANTHONY presented a petition asking that Congress enact that a copy of every public document published be sent to every public school in the country; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

THE EQUALIZATION OF BOUNTIES.

Mr. SHERMAN presented the petition of Ohio soldiers asking for an equalization of bounty between those who enlisted early and those who enlisted late, in the war, which was referred to the Military Committee.

THE VETERAN RESERVE CORPS.

Mr. COWAN, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) presented a petition praying for the retention of the Veteran Reserve Corps, as a part of the United States Army; which was referred to the Military Committee.

PETITION FOR AN INCREASE OF IMPORT DUTIES.

Mr. SPRAGUE, of Rhode Island, (Union,) presented the memorials of manufacturers of steel, sheet iron, bronze, colors, salt, cigars and other articles, stating that the import duty is so low as to operate against home manufacturers, and asking for a remedy, or increased import duties.

Mr. SPRAGUE said he had introduced a resolution on this subject recently, merely as a resolution of inquiry. He had desired simply to give a voice of warning, which his own experience had taught him was necessary. He had no interest in any particular department of manufacture, but he knew that it was necessary to protect the manufacturing interests of this country. He did not believe that certain foreign nations were entitled to the sympathy of the Senate, and when he saw petitions introduced here, which came from men who were paid by parties in other countries, he could not help doubting the honesty of their purpose. All he had to say of a personal nature concerning the criticisms and complaints of a certain New-York paper, and of a member of the other House, was that it was desirable to him that the course of this newspaper, and of the party to which it belonged, should be known. It had been for four years inimical to this country.

Several petitions for protective tariff were offered by Messrs. HOWE and COWAN, and referred to the Finance Committee.

NATIONAL MILITARY AND NAVAL ASYLUM.

Mr. WILSON, from the Military Committee, reported favorably a bill in relation to the reëstablishment of a National Military and Naval Asylum for the relief of totally disabled officers and soldiers of the United States Army.

THE CASE OF DAVIS AND CLAY.

Mr. HOWARD, of Michigan, (Union,) offered a joint resolution that,

Whereas, It appears by the report of the Secretary of War that JEFFERSON DAVIS and C. C. CLAY are held in confinement, as having been concerned in the assassination of President LINCOLN, and for the murder of Federal soldiers, held as prisoners of war; therefore, be it respectfully recommended that JEFFERSON DAVIS and C. C. CLAY be tried immediately by a Military Commission or Court-martial.

This was objected to, and goes over till to-morrow.

OUR CLAIMS AGAINST ENGLAND.

Mr. CHANDLER, of Michigan, (Union,) called attention to a resolution offered by him on Dec. 14, 1864, directing the Secretary of State to make out a list of American vessels destroyed by British pirates in the employ of the rebel government. Since that time, he said, the bill had been presented, and the British government had refused to settle it; and not only so, but had refused to continue the controversy on the subject.

Mr. CHANDLER said the proper course for this country to pursue was absolute non-intercourse with Great Britain until this bill was settled. True, we might declare war and blockade British ports, and the world would applaud us, but non-intercourse was the best peaceful mode of redress. He believed that Mr. SEWARD understood that, in the event of a war between Great Britain and any other nation, American pirates would destroy British commerce, just as in the late war British pirates destroyed American ships.

Mr. CHANDLER, at the conclusion of his remarks, offered a joint resolution declaring that

Whereas, By the recent publication of the diplomatic correspondence between this govetnment and Great Britain, we are fully advised that the last named government has refused to repair the damages committed on American commerce by pirates fitted out or harbored during the late rebellion, and has declined to arbitrate, and finally not to hear anything further on the subject; therefore,

Resolved, That the President is hereby requested to withdraw our Minister from the Court of St. James and make a proclamation of national non-intercourse, which is hereby declared to take effect after such proclamation shall have been issued.

Mr. CHANDLER asked for the immediate consideration of the above.

Mr. DIXON, of Connecticut, (Union,) objected to it, and under the rule it lies over.

BREVET RANK.

Mr. NESMITH, of Oregon, (Dem.,) offered a resolution requesting the Military Committee to inquire into the expediency of a law creating brevet ranks among those only who have served with distinction in the field, and have been spoken of with commendation in official reports. Also, to inquire into the expediency of providing for the appointment of a board to examine the qualifications of officers. Passed.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE SEVERAL STATES.

Mr. NYE, of Nevada (Union,) called up a bill to facilitate postal, commercial and military communication between the States, with an amendment from the Committee on Commerce, providing that this bill shall not interfere with any contract now existing between the government and any railroad.

Mr. FOOT, of Vermont, (Union,) spoke in favor of the bill, and argued that Congress had a constitutional right to pass such a measure. Quoting from several authorities on the subject, he held that the right to regulate commerce between the several States belonged to Congress as much as the right to regulate intercourse between the United States and foreign nations, or between the United States and the Indian tribes.

THE ELECTIVE FRANCHISE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Mr. MORRILL, of Maine, (Union,) at the conclusion of Mr. FOOT's speech, moved to take up the bill to regulate the elective franchise in the District of Columbia. The bill confers the right of suffrage upon all male persons of twenty-one years and upward who have resided one year in the District before the election, and prescribes punishment for interfering with the execution of the elective franchise in the case of any person or persons.

Mr. DAVIS, of Kentucky, said he proposed to debate the above, and asked that it be postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, said that the Freedmen's Bureau bill was the order of the day for to-morrow, and he should insist upon taking it up at that time.

Mr. DAVIS moved to postpone the bill until to-morrow—Carried.

ASYLUM FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, (Union,) called up the bill to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate a National Military and Naval Asylum for the relief of totally disabled officers and men of the volunteer forces of the United States." It provides that ULYSSES S. GRANT, and others named in the bill, are hereby constituted and created a body corporate in the District of Columbia; that the said corporation shall have authority to procure for early use, at suitable places, sites for military asylums for all persons serving in the war of the rebellion, not provided for by existing laws, who have been, or may hereafter be, disqualified from procuring their own maintenance and support by reason of wounds or sickness contracted in the service.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, further consideration of the bill was postponed till to-morrow, and the Senate at 3:15 o'clock proceeded to the consideration of executive business, and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE TAX ON HULLS OF VESSELS.

On motion of Mr. BLAINE, of Maine, (Union,) it was resolved that the Committee of Ways and Means be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the two per cent. tax now levied on the hulls of vessels as hunched.

THE WHITE HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. RICE, of Maine, (Union,) it was resolved that the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be and they are hereby instructed to examine into the condition of the Presidential mansion as regards health, and whether it is suited as to size, locality and convenience for the residence of the President and his family, and, if not, whether grounds of proper extent in a proper locality can be procured on which to erect a suitable mansion, and that they report such estimates and recommendations touching the subject hereby referred to as they may deem proper.

CREDENTIALS OF ARKANSAS MEMBERS.

Mr. DELANO, of Ohio, (Union,) presented the credentials of WM. BYERS as member of the House from the State of Arkansas; also the memorial of WM. BYERS, H. H. LYLE and JAMES M. JOHNSON, claiming seats as Representatives from the said State; which were referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

INSURANCE COMPANIES.

On motion of Mr. ALLEY, of Mass., (Union,) it was resolved that the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of requiring all the fire and marine insurance companies to invest in government securities, and deposit a certain percentage of their capital and receipts in the Treasury of the United States for the better security of the insured in any part of the United States, under such rules and regulations as Congress shall prescribe.

THE NAVAL ASTRONOMICAL EXPEDITION TO CHILI.

On motion of Mr. LAFLIN, of New-York, (Union,) it was resolved that the Committee on Printing be instructed to inquire into the expediency of continuing the publication of the remaining volumes of the Naval Astronomical Expedition to Chili, and that until the committee report, the publication thereof be suspended.

NATIONAL BANKS.

On motion of Mr. GOODYEAR, of New-York, (Dem.,) it was resolved that the Committee on Banking and Currency be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that any National Bank now in existence be allowed under such instructions and regulations as may be approved by the Comptroller of the Currency, to change its place of business from its present location into any other State or Territory of the United States, and report by bill or otherwise.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE LAWS.

Mr. ROLLINS, of New-York, (Union,) submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the internal revenue laws that insurance agents, the net proceeds of whose trade do not exceed $50 per annum, shall not be required to take out a license.

THE DUTY ON UMBRELLAS.

Mr. THAYER, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire whether an increased duty should not be laid upon foreign umbrellas and parasols imported into this country; to report by pill or otherwise.

BOUNTIES FOR THE REGULAR ARMY.

Mr. STROUSE, of Pennsylvania, (Dem.,) submitted the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of including the non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates of the regular army who were in the service at the breaking out and during a part or the whole of the rebellion, in any bounties that may be paid to the volunteers who enlisted in 1861 and 1862.

PROPOSED TAX ON HORSE RACES.

On motion of Mr. DARLING, of New-York, (Union,) it was resolved that the Committee on Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of imposing a license tax upon all horse races where an admission fee is charged, and also a tax of five per cent. on the gross receipts taken by the proprietors at all such races.

THE NATURALIZATION LAWS.

On motion of Mr. DARLING, it was resolved that the Committee on Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the naturalization laws, so as to provide that all persons before taking the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, shall be required to read intelligently said constitution, and report by bill or otherwise.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. CONKLING, of New-York, (Union,) submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Reconstruction:

Resolved, That an amendment of the Constitution of the United States should be submitted to the States for their ratification in one of the two following forms: Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within the Union according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of citizens of the United States, provided that whenever in any State civil or political rights or privileges shall be denied or abridged on account of race or color, all persons of such race or color shall be excluded from the basis of representation; and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included in the Union according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of citizens of the United States; provided, that whenever in any State the elective franchise shall be denied or abridged on account of race or color, all persons of such race or color shall be excluded from the basis of representation.

SUFFRAGE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Mr. BROOMALL, of Pennsylvania, (Union) offered the following:

Whereas, All just government derives its power from the consent of the governed; and whereas, the best way of obtaining that consent is through the ballot-box; and whereas, the white men of the District of Columbia have by that means decreed that in their opinion, the black men of the District should not be allowed the right of suffrage; therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on District of Columbia be instructed to inquire into the expediency of ordering an election, at which the blacks of the District shall decide by ballot whether in their opinion the white men of the District should be allowed the right of suffrage.

Mr. SPALDING, of Ohio, (Union,) moved that the resolution be laid on the table; which was agreed to—yeas 138, nays 12, as follows:

NAYS—Messrs. Ashley of Ohio, Ashley of Nevada, Broomall, Grinnell, Hale, Henderson, Higby, Kelso, Longyear, Starr, Stevens and Williams.

THE RATE OF MILEAGE.

Mr. ANCONA, of Pennsylvania, (Dem.,) offered a resolution, which was agreed to, that the Committee on Mileage be directed to bring in a bill fixing the rate of mileage so as to equalize the compensation of Senators and Representatives in Congress.

THE USE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES HALL GRANTED FOR A MEETING.

On motion of Mr. KELLEY, of Pennsylvania, (Union) it was resolved that the use of the Hall of the House, of Representatives be granted to the United States Christian Commission on Sunday, Feb. 11, for the purpose of holding its anniversary meeting; yeas 117, nays 38.

POSTAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE STATES.

The bill of the House to facilitate postal and military communication between the several States, having been returned from the Senate by request of the House,

Mr. WASHBURNE, (of Illinois, (Union,) moved that the vote by which it passed be reconsidered, with a view to having it committed to the Committee on the Judiciary, and that they be authorized to report at any time.

There was objection to the latter part of the motion.

THE TEST OATH.

Mr. STEVENS introduced a resolution that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act of Jan. 24, 1865, relating to the test oath, as to allow attorneys at law to practice their profession without taking the said oath on an equal footing with all other professions. He said that the act in question was passed during the war, and by which attorneys were prohibited from practicing unless they could take an oath that they were not engaged in the rebellion. Since the war a large number of men engaged in the legal profession were trying to make a living, but are prevented from doing so by this law. He did not see why they should be subjected to a provision not applied to other professions, and hence the proposed inquiry.

The House adopted the resolution by a vote of 82 yeas against 77 nays, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alley, Ames, Ancona, Bergen, Blow, Boyer, Brooks, Buckland, Bundy, Chanler, Cobb, Cook, Darling, Davis, Dawson, Denison, Driggs, Eldridge, Farquhar, Ferry, Finck, Glossbrenner, Goodyear, Grider, Griswold, Hale, Harding of Kentucky, Harding of Illinois, Higby, Hill, Hogan, Hooper, Hubbard of Connecticut, Hubbell of New-York, Hubbell of Ohio, James Humphrey, James M. Humphrey, Ingersoll, Johnson, Kasson, Kerr, Kelly, Kimball, Latham, Lawrence of Pennsylvania, Le Blond, Marshall, Marston, Marvin, McCullough, McRuer, Miller, Moorhead, Niblack, Nicholson, Noell, Orth, Phelps, Pike, Pomeroy, Price, Radford, Randall of Pennsylvania, Raymond, Ritter, Rogers, Ross, Sawyer, Shanklin, Sitgreaves, Smith, Stevens, Stillwell, Stroupe, Taber, Thayer, Taylor, Francis Thomas, Thornton, Trimble, Trowbridge, Winfield—82.

NAYS—Messrs. Allison, Anderson, Ashley of Nevada, Ashley of Ohio, Baker, Banks, Barker, Baxter, Beaman, Benjamin, Bidwell, Bingham, Blaine, Boutwell, Brandegee, Bromwell, Clarke of Ohio, Clarke of Kansas, Conklin, Dawes, Defrees, Doland, Deming, Dixon, Donnelly, Eckley, Eggleston, Eliot, Farnsworth, Grinnell, Hart, Higby, Henderson, Holmes, Hubbard of New-York, Hubbard of Iowa, Hulburd, Jenckes, Julian, Kelly, Kelso, Ladin, Lawrence of Ohio, Loan, Longyear, Lynch, McClurg, McKee, Morrill, Morris, Moulton, O'Neill, Paine, Perham, Randall of Kentucky, Rice of Massachusetts, Rice of Maine, Rollins, Schenck, Scofield, Shellabarger, Sloan, Spalding, Starr, John L. Thomas, Upson, Van Aernam, Van Horn, Ward, Washburne of Illinois, Washburn of Massachusetts, Welker, Williams, Wilson of Iowa, Windom, Woodbridge—77.

THE CHARGES AGAINST MRS. LINCOLN.

Mr. KASSON, of Iowa, (Union,) said that on Friday a bitter partizan paper of New-York published a statement involving a charge of larceny against both the late President and the unfortunate bereaved by his death. As the charge was that the public property bought by the United States had been stolen for their private advantage, he wished, before the falsehood had traveled further, to say to the House and the country that at the time it appeared the Committee on Appropriations were considering the propriety of additional expenditures for the Executive Mansion, and were making an examination as to the alleged disappearance of the property, and the result of it was this: After the examination of numerous witnesses, not a solitary article ever paid for with the money of the United States was found removed by the occupants of the White House. On the contrary, the only instance which may have furnished the foundation for the slander was that one article used in the family had been held by the widow as precious, having been the object of President LINCOLN's admiration. She asked that it might be taken away by her as private property. The matter was stated to the officer in charge, the Commissioner of Public Buildings, who reported the matter to the Secretary of the Interior, and the latter said he could not believe any one could object to her taking the memento associated with the memory of her husband. It was worth about $150. With this exception, not a solitary article had been removed. Mr. KASSON asked the Associated Press and the manhood and magnanimity of the House not only to crush the slander, but the slanderer of a woman deprived as she had been of a husband, murdered while in the service of his country.

Mr. HIGBY, of California, (Union,) inquired in what paper the article appeared.

Mr. KASSON replied that he heard of the slander through the New-York *Herald*, which had noticed the statement in BEN WOOD's paper, the *Daily News*. He wished further to say, as to the charge of a large number of boxes having disappeared from the White House, that these boxes were small, and had been used by the lady of the mansion to inclose bouquets of flowers as presents to her friends, which she had a right to make.

Mr. SPALDING asked whether the injunction of secrecy had been removed from the proceedings of the committee.

Mr. KASSON replied that he had deemed it proper that a member of the committee should make the statement so that no credit might be given to the slander in the absence of the knowledge of the truth.

Mr. SPALDING—Did the gentleman speak for the committee or for himself?

Mr. KASSON—I spoke not only for myself, but as a man to defend the character of a defenceless woman.

Mr. STEVENS—What the gentleman stated was his own conclusion, but he did not state what are the conclusions of the committee.

Mr. KASSON—I presume the gentleman does not mean to say that the result of the committee is different from what I state.

Mr. STEVENS—I do not propose to say anything further than that the statement is deemed improper, as the gentleman is not the voice of the committee.

Mr. KASSON—I made the statement as one person engaged in the examination.

SUFFRAGE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill proposing to extend suffrage in the District of Columbia by striking out the word "white" where it appears in the laws and ordinances.

Mr. KASSON, of Iowa, replied to the speech of Mr. KELLY, heretofore made, arguing that the language of Mr. MADISON, as quoted by the gentleman, did not allow the teaching that Congress has the right to regulate the qualification of voters in the States. He repudiated this as the declaration of Mr. MADISON.

Mr. KASSON caused to be read from the *Federalist* the views of Mr. MADISON, to show that this dangerous power was not conceded to the general government. He repeated, that it never was intended by Mr. MADISON and the framers of the constitution that Congress should prescribe the qualifications of voters for members of the Legislature or of Congress.

Mr. KELLEY, in reply, quoted from the language of Mr. MADISON to show that should the people of any State by any means be deprived of the right of suffrage, it was judged proper the evil should be remedied by the general government, &c.

Mr. KASSON replied that it was the repetition of the assertion the gentleman made the other day; and he would say that *prima facie* it was absurd to declare that the constitution, under the word manner, had the right to prescribe the qualification of electors, when it said the qualifications to vote for members of the House of Representatives shall be those requisite for members of the most numerous branch of the State Legislatures.

Mr. KELLEY promised to produce the authority to show that Mr. MADISON did maintain that Congress has the right to determine the question.

Mr. KASSON was glad the issue had taken shape and was well defined.

Mr. KELLEY—Then you take issue with Mr. MADISON?

Mr. KASSON asked why the gentleman quoted Mr. MADISON unless he intended to indorse that authority.

Mr. KELLEY said he was for the constitution in all its length and breadth as understood by WASHINGTON and MADISON, and for it with all the powers which they maintained were essential to its perpetuity. He was for the constitution with the power inhering in Congress to so regulate suffrage as to give to every citizen of the country the right to exercise it within the limitation of twenty-one years of age, and a citizen either by birth or naturalization.

Mr. KASSON, in reply, said he was for the constitution as it is, and he reasserted that Congress have no right to prescribe who in Iowa shall vote for members of the most numerous branch of the Legislature. If suffrage were made universal in some portion of the country there would be no security for the permanence of our institutions. Look at countries where mixed races have exercised the right of suffrage. Look at Mexico and the South American republics, where revolutions are as frequent almost as the return of the seasons. The Anglo-Saxon race only had

TRIAL OF GONZALES

Difficulties in Securing Impartial Jurors in Brooklyn.

A Whole Day Spent in Finding Twelve Honest Men.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.

Before Judge Gilbert and Justices Hoyt and Voorhies.

The Kings County Court of Oyer and Terminer, sitting in the superb room prepared for it in the new County Court-house, yesterday took up the case of GONZALES, who stands charged with the murder of a Cuban named OTERO, in the Park of Brooklyn City, last November. Judge GILBERT, of the Supreme Bench, presided, assisted by Justices HOYT and VOORHIES. In view of the recent date of the murder and the great publicity attending it, a panel of six hundred jurors was summoned and thronged the room with anxious faces and feeble protests against doing their duty in the jury-box. Judge GILBERT sat in his cane-bottom chair—and, by the way, a peculiarity of Kings County tribunals seems to be that the Chief Justice sits in a plain cane-bottomed chair and does all the work, while his associates recline in magnificent chairs of state and look solemn as deacons—and received the excuses of the jurors who desired to be let off. One man had a sick wife; another's partner was out of town; another's wife had a bad attack of rheumatism; another had never voted; another was "delicate," whatever that may be; another wanted to go out of town; another had just come in town, and wanted to attend to his business; another was threatened with loss of his position if absent from work; another was deaf; another had a funeral in his wife's family; and so on *ad infinitum*. The Judge was quick as a flash with his answers and decisions, so that by 11½ A. M. the entire batch was disposed of and counsel directed to proceed.

The bar of the county was well represented by Hon. Grenville T. Jenks, John G. Schumaker, Corporation Counsel Ex-Judge Birdseye, Alex. McCue, W. C. De Witt, John Winslow and others, while Judge Reynolds, Inspector Folk, Capt. Waddy, Sheriff McNamee sat conspicuously within the charmed circle. The former and Senator Murphy at one time shared the bench with Judge GILBERT.

At a little after 11, the court being relieved of the jury pressure, Mr. Jeremiah Stevens, the Clerk, formally opened the court, and the crowd was admitted to the galleries.

Judge Gilbert—We will now proceed with the case. Mr. McCue, are you ready?

Mr. McCue—We are, Sir.

The prisoner GONZALES was then brought in and placed at the side of his counsel, Messrs. McCue and De Witt, while the District Attorney, Ex-Judge Morris and his assistant, Mr. Troy, took their places at the prosecutor's table.

GONZALES is by no means so ill-looking a man as he is represented. He is of medium height, spare built, with jet black, wavy hair, very black eyes, dark complexion and large ears. His face in repose is not attractive, but his smile is peculiarly pleasing. He sat under charge of an officer, the observed of all, but perfectly quiet, calm and self-possessed.

THE JURY.

The impannelling of the jury was then begun. The first juror called was Wm. H. Dunn. He said he was a flour inspector; had read the case in the papers and formed an opinion at the time, which he still retained; he had not expressed it; he thought the prisoner was guilty of several murders; he thought the opinion formed would not interfere with his judgment; it was an opinion rather than an impression.

Judge Gilbert—Have you a present opinion?

Mr. Dunn—Yes, Sir; I think he's guilty.

Judge Gilbert—That's an improper answer. You are excused, but don't leave the court; we may want you in another case. [Laughter.]

Mr. Elijah Bliss was called: He had formed and retained an opinion; it was founded solely on what he had seen in the papers. If the evidence should differ, his opinion would differ. He thought he could give an impartial verdict. He was excused.

Wm. French called: He keeps a grocery-store; had not read of the case; had heard of it in New-York; had formed no opinion; had lived in Brooklyn twelve years; have talked with Messrs. Evans and Williams about it; have had no opinion; don't remember the name of the prisoner. He was challenged peremptorily.

John A. Blank called: No answer.

Wm. A. Salle called: He is a merchant; had read of the case; had formed and retains an opinion; the murder was near his residence. He was set aside.

Edward H. March called: He is a merchant; has read about it and formed an opinion; he retained it now; had not made up his mind with prejudice; does not now remember the circumstances; he should need proof to offset his present opinion; he thought he could render an impartial verdict.

Mr. DeWitt—This man is evidently not a fair juror; we would be glad to have him upon the jury, but he has an impression upon his mind.

Judge Gilbert—Well, then, you may as well stop publishing the newspapers, for, of course, everybody reads them. Did you form any opinion as to its being murder or justifiable homicide?

Juror—No, Sir; I have no opinion on that point; I supposed it was a case of murder and formed an opinion which I still retain.

He was set aside.

James Lawrence, called: He is a conductor on the cars; has read the case, but formed no opinion; he presumed the man innocent until proven guilty; is opposed to capital punishment; could find a verdict of guilty on the evidence.

Q.—Have you any scruples against finding a verdict of guilty on circumstantial evidence? A.—I should need direct proof.

District-Attorney Morris—We shall then challenge him for favor, and have him tried by triers. He was set aside.

Frank Carpenter called: He had read the case, formed an opinion, and still retains it; he still had an opinion; the opinion was based upon what he read, and depended upon the truth of those statements; if sworn he would render a verdict according to the evidence. He was set aside.

James Hall called: Being sworn, he said: I have read about the case and formed an opinion; I retain that opinion still; I wouldn't convict a man from the evidence in the paper, but I formed an opinion at the time; I have talked with nobody since summoned as a juror; I read the account in the *Tribune*; I thought the man was guilty of the crime; the opinion was not particularly in reference to Gonzales; I have no conscientious scruples about capital punishment; I should not start with any prejudice against the prisoner. He was challenged peremptorily.

Charles Greenleaf called: Being sworn, he said: I am a cooper; I read about the case, formed and still retain my opinion; I made up my mind as to the guilt of this man. He was set aside.

James Fitzgerald called: Being sworn, he said: I live in Williamsburgh; I read about the case, and deemed him guilty; I have no opinion about him today different from that; it was only a general impression; if the facts are proved I should judge him guilty; I should require testimony to change my opinion. He was set aside.

James Fitzgerald called: Being sworn, he said: I have read about it but had no opinion about it, nor have I any now; have no scruples. He was sworn as the seventh juror.

George W. Middleton called and sworn: I read about the case and received an impression about it; the facts as published made the impression; I still hold it; if sworn as a juror I could give an impartial verdict on evidence presented.

An appeal being made to the triers, they decided he was not indifferent, and he was excused.

John A. Lattimer called and sworn: I have read about the case, and have formed an opinion which I retain. He was set aside.

John McKenley called and sworn: I have read about the case; have no opinion about the guilt of the accused; have not talked or read about it. He was sworn as the eighth juror.

Abraham Linnegan called and sworn: I have read about it; have no opinion at all; am indifferent. He was sworn as the ninth juror.

Henry Baldwin called and sworn: I read about the case and formed an opinion as to the facts and the man; I have that now; if he's the individual that killed the man I have formed an opinion.

An appeal was taken to the triers and they decided him competent. He was then sworn in as tenth juror.

Wm. Baker called and sworn: I have read about the case; formed no opinion that I know of; yes, I did form an opinion, and I still hold it, so far as I read the papers. He was set aside.

Mark Bebee called and sworn: I have read about it, but have no opinion about it; I was in town when it occurred. Challenged peremptorily by the District Attorney.

J. R. Rawlinson called and sworn: I have read the case and formed an opinion. which I retain. Set aside.

John Cauldwell called and sworn: I reside at Gravesend; have read and talked about the case; I formed and retain an opinion. Set aside.

J. H. Ladd, called and sworn; I have read about the case; have no opinions about it; have no conscientious scruples; he was challenged peremptorily by the defence.

Orsamus M. Vail, called and sworn: I have read and talked about the matter; I formed an opinion which I retain. Set aside.

Henry Reimer, called and sworn: I have read about the case but have no opinions about it. Challenged by defence peremptorily.

Wm. Sherry, called and sworn: I have an opinion. Set aside.

J. J. Newhardt called and sworn: I live not far from the scene of the murder; heard about it at the time; had or have no opinion about it. Challenged peremptorily by the defence.

Geo. E. Archer called and sworn: I have read about the case, but formed no opinion about it. He was sworn as the eleventh juror.

Stephen Coyle called and sworn: I have read about the case, but have no opinion about it; I have no scruples about the death penalty. Challenged peremptorily by the defence.

Daniel J. Salt called and sworn: I have an opinion. Set aside.

Henry Kroul called and sworn: I read about the case, but formed no opinion, nor have I any. Challenged peremptorily by the defence.

Jacob Chase called and sworn: I have read about the case, but have no definite opinion. He was then sworn as the twelfth juror.

It being near the hour for adjournment, the Court decided to delay further procedure until 10 A. M., today, at which hour Judge MORRIS will open the case for the people. Thus a whole day was occupied in obtaining twelve men who were willing to say that they could render an impartial verdict on evidence to be put before them. The press of the two cities was largely represented, and far overran the accommodations ordinarily provided. The courtesy of Assistant District-Attorney TROY, and the assistance of Constables WILLIAM TINDALL and HEGEMAN, and of Officers BEATTY, HOLBROOK, DOOLEY and WALDRON, were of great service to the TIMES, and are duly appreciated.

PELLICER, the alleged accomplice of GONZALES, will probably be tried next Monday, Messrs. TOWNSEND & HYSLOP appearing in his behalf.

THE CASE OF MRS. GILROY.

Continuation of the Inquest—Testimony of the Officers of the Ship and Others.

Coroner GOVER yesterday continued the investigation into the causes which led to the death of Mrs. MARY ANN GILROY, whose demise is alleged to have been caused by exposure and neglect, on board the emigrant ship *Neptune*, before and subsequent to her confinement. Several persons connected with the ship were examined, and stated that the officers of the vessel paid the woman proper attention. We publish the testimony in this important case in full:

TESTIMONY OF HENRY WALLIS.

Henry Wallis testified as follows: I live at No. 52 Avenue D; I sailed from this city in the ship *Neptune* on her last voyage out; I left Liverpool in November last; we had 180 steerage passengers aboard; we had a tedious passage, but all the passengers, so far as I know, were in good health; I had nothing to do with them; when the ship arrived alongside the dock, on Tuesday evening last, I went down between decks, and counted the passengers and saw a woman there being confined; I saw Dr. Herrick down with the woman; I know nothing in particular with regard to his attention to this particular case, but I have never seen a ship's surgeon more attentive to the crew and passengers during the voyage than he was; when I went below Tuesday evening where the woman was, I found the steerage very cold and the place in confusion, on account of the passengers getting ready to go ashore; about two o'clock Wednesday morning I heard deceased was delivered of a stillborn child; cannot say whether the doctor was in attendance upon her until the child was born; don't know when she was removed into the main cabin; saw her there Thursday morning about ten o'clock; Dr. Herrick and a woman was in attendance upon her; did not see the deceased again; last Spring I came out to this country in the ship *Neptune*, and when opposite Castle Garden we anchored and we were taken to Castle Garden.

TESTIMONY OF GEORGE KERBERG.

George Kerberg testified as follows: I live at No. 59 Rutgers-place; I am stevedore of of the ship *Neptune*; on Tuesday, at ten minutes past four P. M., I went aboard the *Neptune*, then lying outside the ship *Liverpool*, at Pier No. 23 East River; I took my men with me to make the ship fast; when she was made temporarily fast, I understood from an employe, as I supposed, of Castle Garden—a gentleman, however, who took charge of the passengers, and asked me when I first went on board who I was; he asked me to lend him men to keep the runners from the ship, which I did; he told me he thought the passengers could not be landed that night, after which Capt. Peabody told me they would not be landed there, and told me, in presence of a police officer representing Castle Garden to give him all the assistance he required in keeping the passengers aboard; the officer had four of my men to assist him during the night; about seven o'clock I went into the steerage to put up lights for the passengers; I heard a woman moaning as if in pain; I went to her; she was lying in an upper berth: she seemed dirty and had a quilt on her; I did not notice in particular her covering; I asked her what was the matter; she said she did not know; she repeated this answer several times; I asked some of the women around the same question, but they could not tell me; they said she was sick; I immediately went to the cabin for the doctor of the ship and told him there was a woman lying n the steerage sick, and requested him to come down and see her, which he instantly did; I accompanied him down, and after he examined her I asked him what was the matter with the woman; he said he thought she was going to be confined; I asked him if that night; he said he thought she would; I asked him if he wanted any assistance of mine; he said not, if he could get some of the women to assist him; I heard a woman say she would assist the doctor; I then went upon deck; about eight o'clock I went below and found the doctor still there; I asked him how she got along; he told me she had been delivered of a still-born child; I looked at deceased, and Dr. Herrick said her clothing was not sufficient; I saw some bed clothing belonging to a passenger, and told the passenger to put them on deceased, which she did, and the doctor covered her up; he got the consent of the woman to remain with deceased and take care of her and call him if required; at ten o'clock I went down again and saw deceased; she seemed in the same condition, except she complained of cold feet, and we put hot water to them; I left and went home, telling the woman if anything occurred to be sure and call the doctor; next morning, at seven o'clock, I returned to the ship and found deceased in the same condition; I understood the doctor had been down previous to my coming aboard; I found tea was being made for deceased; shortly after my arrival, between seven and eight o'clock, the officer and another employe from Castle Garden began to remove the passengers; about the time they were nearly off I went to see deceased, and found the blankets were removed from her—I suppose by the person owning them; I called the attention of Officer Montgomery, and asked him what he was going to do with deceased; he said he did not know; he did not think she was in a condition to be removed; I told him it was too bad to let the woman lay as she was without some care; he said he could not take her away as she was; I said we must cover her up then; I first covered her with a large piece of carpet; the steamboat left the ship with the passengers; I then went on deck for the purpose of getting blankets from the cabin; I met Capt. Peabody and stated the case to him; he told me to use anything there was in the cabin, and to tell the steward to make anything that was necessary for her condition; Dr. Herrick visited her several times; I found Dr. Herrick getting the blankets which I was going after, and we put them under and over deceased; I had tea brought from the market for deceased several times; my men also looked after her; about two o'clock in the afternoon I saw the owner of the ship, Mr. Charles Lamson; I stated the case to him; he said she must be attended to immediately; we saw officer Daniels, and told him the condition deceased was in; I told him the Commissioners of Emigration had not removed her, and that Officer Mountjoy had promised me in the morning to report the condition to them; Officer Daniels left to attend to the notifying the Commissioners; about half-past four P. M., my wife came down to the ship with some gruel, with wine in it, for deceased; about ten minutes past six, same day, I went aboard and found she was removed from the steerage to the main cabin; I did not see who moved her there; she was comfortably situated in the cabin; the Steward was in the cabin with her; I saw the doctor with her as late as four o'clock; about half-past six o'clock I left the ship for home; I heard the Steward was going ashore, and told the watchman he must take care of the deceased until the Steward returned; next morning, Thursday, I came down to the ship again and found deceased in the same condition as on the previous evening; I found a woman with deceased whom I understood Capt. De Camp had sent down; I looked at deceased, and noticed she had dirty clothing on, and suggested the propriety of getting cleaner clothing; the woman said she had nothing; I told her I would get some; I gave her money to get a clean undergarment; I took care of deceased while she was absent; she returned soon and washed deceased, and put on the clean garment; about eight o'clock in the morning of Thursday last a letter was handed to me by a man from Castle Garden; it was directed to Capt. Peabody, or officer in charge of the ship; as I was in charge of the ship I opened it, and told the man the letter was dated the day previous, and the directions had already been executed; he said he knew it, for he was present at the removal of deceased, and said he neglected to leave the letter the night before; when I first went on board the ship on Thursday morning I saw Dr. Herrick with the deceased, and was told he had been up all the night with her, about 9 or 10 o'clock; I and Officer Daniels went to the station-house to see what was to be done with the body of the child; the sergeant in charge told Officer Daniels to notify the Coroner, which he did; I do not think Capt. Peabody was aboard the ship after giving orders to have the woman properly cared for; I do not know of any conversation that took place with him after; about half-past 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, and after the Coroner had taken deceased's testimony and left, two gentlemen representing themselves physicians, and sent from Castle Garden, one of whom I saw examine the woman at the time the Coroner was present; he said to me, "This is one of the board physician," introducing his companion; he said they had come to examine deceased to see if she could be removed; I went with them to the cabin, and they examined her; I asked them if they were going to remove her, and they said she must be removed; they brought an ambulance with them, in which they took her away at 5 o'clock P. M.; I gave all the assistance necessary with bed and blankets; there was time to remove deceased from the steerage to the cabin after the doctor saw her, before her confinement; the bed in the steerage under deceased was considerably torn, and she was lying on straw which was wet at the time we tucked the blankets under her; Officer Mountjoy took charge of the passengers and hurried them from the ship to the steamboat, and he was the one that conducted their transmission from the ship to the steamboat; a Mr. Hall, connected with Castle Garden, stood by watching the baggage.

TESTIMONY OF MARGARET BURNS.

Margaret Burns testified as follows: I was a passenger on board the ship *Neptune* that arrived at this port on Tuesday last; I knew deceased, Mary A. Gilroy; we were not long out before I thought from her appearance she was in the family way; I saw her every day during the voyage; did not hear her complain of sickness until Tuesday night we landed, Tuesday night; Dr. Herrick called on me to assist him while confining deceased; I consented to assist him, and after he delivered her, he arranged her in her berth, and went for some gruel and bread and butter for her; he also put jars of hot water to her feet, and rubbed her legs and feet; during the night I got up twice to see her; I staid with her an hour after her delivery; I cannot say whether the doctor asked me to stay with her all night; at my visit to her during the night, she said she felt poorly; at the second visit I examined her feet, and found her legs and feet cold, but the jars were at her feet; she had a bed of straw, but when I left in the morning she was well covered with blankets; I never saw a doctor under such circumstances more kind and attentive to sick persons than was Dr. Herrick to deceased; it was very cold in the steerage, and there was no fire.

TESTIMONY OF HENRY WATKINS.

Henry Watkins testified as follows: I live at No. 25 Rose-street; I was passenger steward on board the ship *Neptune* on her late voyage from Liverpool to this port; my duties as such were to attend to the passengers, their cleanliness, to dealing out provisions, and their general comfort; under the direction of the chief mate, Mr. Warburton, I accompanied Dr. Herrick around his morning and evening visits; two of our female passengers, early in the voyage, were known by the doctor and myself to be in the family way, and the doctor treated them with marked kindness; but the deceased was not known to be in the family way by the doctor and myself until the morning of the day of her confinement; then one of the female passengers told me that deceased was in that condition; I inquired of her if that was so; she said it was; she was lying in her berth upon a good bed, which was taken from her at the time the order was given for passengers to go ashore; the bed belonged to Mary Cluney, and she took it from under deceased; two or three women put a half mattress and straw in its place; I called the doctor's attention to the deceased on Tuesday morning about half an hour previous to the doctor from Quarantine coming aboard; I had orders to have all passengers on deck, which was done, except the deceased and another woman that was tardy in dressing; before getting them up, the other passengers were coming down; I called the attention of a person that came with the Health Officer to the fact that deceased was sick; he said, well, if he does not like to come down and see her let her stop where she is; I could have got both the women up had there been time so to do; after leaving Quarantine Dr. Herrick prescribed for her; I took medicine to her during Tuesday, and previous to her confinement—three different times by the orders of the doctor; as soon as we got up to the dock I gave her some tea; after which I left the ship and returned about nine o'clock, and then I learned deceased had been confined; I went into the cabin, and the doctor told me Mary was confined; he told me if I knew where the stone bottle was that had been used for Mrs. Lloyd's feet; we could not get it, but the steward found a large stone jar, which was filled with hot water, and the doctor applied it to the feet of the deceased; some of the passengers loaned their blankets, and the doctor used them to cover deceased with; I took down some tea, arrow-root, and bread and butter for deceased, but found two women in attendance, one of whom was giving deceased some tea; next morning the passengers took their blankets from deceased; deceased told me she felt cold; I went to Capt Peabody and told him deceased had not the proper bed; the women took the blankets away; he ordered me to send the doctor to him immediately; this was after the passengers left the ship; I sent the doctor to the Captain; he soon returned, and told me the Captain had ordered blankets to be taken out of the cabin; I carried two, and the doctor carried two, and I put two of them on her back, and the doctor put his around her feet; he examined her feet, and wrapped them up; she said she felt more comfortable; I asked one of the police officers on board what he was going to do with deceased; he said he did not know: on Sunday or Monday she was on deck getting medicine; it was very cold; I did not hear deceased complain of her feet being cold; there was another passenger who did, and the doctor attended to her immediately; deceased had been troubled with bowel complaint for some time; we had a very boisterous voyage, and we had a good deal of water between decks, which made it impossible to make the passengers comfortable.

The remainder of the testimony of this witness was unimportant. Several other witnesses were examined, who corroborated the above statements.

TESTIMONY OF DR. HERRICK.

Dr. J. C. Herrick, Surgeon of the *Neptune*, was examined. He gave a detailed statement of the condition of the woman while under his treatment, and of the means adopted by him for her relief after he learned that she was about to be confined. His evidence concluded as follows: "Between eight and nine o'clock on Thursday morning a man came on board, and went in and saw deceased; after he came out of the stateroom I asked him if he was from Castle Garden; he said yes; I then asked him why they did not send a physician or nurse, or some one to take care of deceased; I don't recollect his reply; after he left; I told Officer Daniels and Mr. Kirby I should leave the vessel that day, having previously heard from Mr. Kirby that the Commissioners of Emigration had been notified of the condition of Mrs. Gilroy; Mr. Kirby said he would go and notify them, for nothing more as yet had been done for her; I also was told that she had been removed from the steerage to the cabin under the orders of the Commissioners of Emigration; I did not understand Officer Daniels to request me to remain on board until the Coroner came, or I should most certainly not have left the ship.

The inquest was then adjourned. Many witnesses are to be examined, and it is probable the investigation will occupy several days.

POLICE COURTS.

Jefferson Market—Before Justices Dodge and Ledwith.

ATTEMPT AT BURGLARY.

MR. ARTHUR HADDOCK, of the firm of HADDOCK & SON, tobacco dealers, and doing business at No. 572 Hudson-street, made complaint against CHAS. DAVIS for attempting to steal a quantity of tobacco, valued at $2,000. The complainant stated that about 11 o'clock on the night of the 15th inst. he went down stairs into the cellar, situated beneath the premises of the firm, to see if all was safe. As he opened the door a man ran out of the cellar into the street. Mr. HADDOCK pursued the fellow several blocks, calling out to the bystanders to "stop thief." Officer MILLY, of the Ninth Precinct, who was passing through Greenwich-street, heard the cry of "stop thief," when he headed off the accused and arrested him, learning from him that his name was CHAS. DAVIS. On reaching the station-house Mr. HADDOCK identified the prisoner as the man who was found concealed in his cellar. The prisoner was committed for trial in default of $2,500 bail. DAVIS is 22 years of age, a native of Lockport, N. Y., and resides at No. 489 Greenwich-street.

REFITTING HER WARDROBE.

MRS. SARAH E. CLARK, residing at No. 92 West Thirty-third-street, caused the arrest of MARY CONNOLLY by Officer HARRIS, of the Eighteenth Precinct, on a charge of having stolen a quantity of personal apparel valued at $186. The complainant stated that MARY was a domestic in her employ, and that in a closet on the first floor of her residence she had stored a mink muff and two satin dresses and other articles, amounting to the value of about $185. MRS. CLARK gave the girl permission to advertise for another situation, and, on the evening of the 8th inst., MARY was in one of the parlors adjoining the closet, having been left there by her mistress. The next day, having occasion to visit the closet, MRS. CLARK discovered that the above-mentioned articles had been removed. As the accused was the only one beside the members of the family who had access to the closet, she made the complaint. The prisoner was committed to answer the charge at the General Sessions, in default of $500 bail. MARY is 44 years of age, a native of Ireland, and resides in West Forty-seventh-street.

A FEMALE OPERATOR.

MRS. NAOMI F. DYCKMAN, residing at Orange, N. J., entered Messrs. A. T. STEWART & Co.'s dry goods store, in Broadway, to make some purchases. While looking at samples exhibited by the salesman, she laid her pocket-book, containing nearly $16 in money and railroad tickets, on the counter. As she did so she noticed a woman, fashionably dressed, standing close to her. Moving away from the place where her pocket-book lay, Mrs. DYCKMAN returned for it, but failed to find it. She immediately accused the woman, already alluded to, of the larceny, but she indignantly denied the charge. Search was about being made, however, when the accused acknowledged that she had the pocket-book, at the same time returning it to the owner. She gave the name of ELIZA C. STANLEY, and begged hard to be let go, but she was taken into custody. The prisoner was committed for examination.

DISHONEST WASHERWOMAN.

MRS. MARY PULLAHER, residing at No. 23 Harrison-street, made complaint against MARY CAHILL, a day washerwoman, who was employed by complainant on Saturday to wash some soiled linen, for stealing a quantity of the same, valued at $60. The complainant instituted inquiries, and found a portion of the missing property in the possession of the accused, and she acknowledged having pawned the remaining portion. The accused was arrested by Officer BARDES, of the Twenty-eighth Precinct, and she was committed for trial in default of $500 bail. MARY is a native of Ireland, resides in Houston-street, but does not know her age.

The Tombs—Before Justice Hogan.

SILK ROBBERY.

On the 11th ult. a case of silk, valued at $3,500, was carried off from beneath the hatchway of premises No. 36 Walker-street, occupied by Messrs. JOHN RYLE & Co., by some persons unknown, who made a successful escape with their booty. On discovering their loss the firm called upon Capt. PETTY, of the Fifth Precinct, and requested that investigations be made in the matter. Officer FIELD was immediately detailed to work up the case. After due inquiry the officer learned that a case of goods tallying with the description given by Messrs. RYLE & Co. of their lost property had been offered for sale to MR. BERNSTEIN, of No. 324 Canal-street, at a rate far below its actual value. Believing that the goods had been stolen, MR. BERNSTEIN very shrewdly made a bargain for the silks, at the same time informing the police of the fact. Soon after the case was brought to Mr. B.'s store by a carman, who said that the owner would call in a few minutes for the money agreed upon as the price of the same. Nothing more, however, was seen of the person so indicated. After continued search, Officer FIELD found the carman, named MICHAEL KELLY, who had delivered the case, and learned from him that he had been employed by a man living at No. 184 Seventh-street, to carry the case to its destination. On Saturday night Officer FIELD, accompanied by Officers MOONEY and MALONEY, and KELLY the carman, went to the number given by the carman. In front of the house they found a man who was at once identified by KELLY as the one who had engaged him to convey the silk to Mr. BERNSTEIN'S store. He was accordingly arrested when he gave the name of CASPAR PARRIS. After securing PARRIS the officer and party went to No. 184 Seventh-street, and there arrested ABRAHAM GREENTHALL, more familiarly known to the police as "General" Greenthall. He at first resisted the efforts of the officers to make him their prisoner, assisted by his wife and daughter. After a sharp struggle, GREENTHALL changed his tune, and endeavored to tempt the officers into releasing him by offering to give them the sum of $300 and a gold watch and chain. He proved unsuccessful, however, and both prisoners were conveyed to the Fifth Precinct Station-house. Here GREENTHALL offered Capt. PETTY $400 to let him go, but was again unsuccessful. Both prisoners were committed for examination. The whole of the stolen property was recovered.

Essex Market—Before Justice Mansfield.

A BARKEEPER IN TROUBLE.

Mr. LOUIS SCHULTZ, who lived at No. 35 Third-avenue, made a charge of larceny against JOHN SCHNEIDER, a barkeeper, formerly in the employ of ANTOIN FRICK, a saloon-keeper at the above number. The accused was arrested by Officer HARTELL, of the Seventeenth Precinct. The complainant stated that he had left a quantity of jewelry, valued at $150, with Mr. FRICK for safekeeping, and he alleges that SCHNEIDER took the property from the drawer where it had been laid. One of the chains taken by the prisoner was left by him at a saloon on the corner of Mott-street and Chatham-square, in payment for refreshments. He was committed for trial in default of $500 bail.

Our Iron-Clad Navy—A Visit to its Resting Place.

A few days ago our reporter visited the iron-clad depot on the Delaware, and saw the vessels laid up there. It is not long since the vessels were removed from a point near the Navy-yard to the so-called channel at the back of League Island. This channel is six hundred feet in width, and is daily uncovered by the tide, so as to leave a portion of it more like land than water. There is a narrow place in the middle of the channel, of sufficient depth to receive a single monitor, and in this the vessels are drawn up in a line. At times, when the tide is very low, the monitors are to be seen fast in the mud, and elevated several feet above their usual height when in the water. The bottoms of the vessels will undoubtedly be much damaged by a long continuance in this place, and the effect of the water there has been to strip the paint off their sides already. One of the officers in charge of the *Dictator* and *New Ironsides* stated that he expected, if the stories about the ice are true, to find his charge at the bottom before the Winter was over. It is also known that if the vessels were wanted for service they could not be got out in less than a month. The *Dictator* and *New Ironsides* are moored out of the main channel, and are very secure, if security consists in chains and anchors. The hatches of the *Dictator* are to be sealed up, for fear of being submerged, so that the only entrance will be through the turret. Now is not this is rather a dangerous experiment? Here are vessels which have cost the government many millions of dollars placed in a position where they will certainly be damaged, and, possibly, some of them may be destroyed, as it is said that when the ice is in motion, it moves at the rate of five or six miles an hour, and no vessel can then lie in the channel. Surely there are plenty of places within the bounds of the United States where our iron-clad vessels could lie in safety without being subjected to the damaging influences which are at work at the iron-clad depot on the Delaware.

The Fire in Ward School No 33.

We have been requested to publish the following card, exaggerated reports of the damage done by the fire having got into circulation:

WARD SCHOOL NO. 33.

The fire at this school-house to-day was trivial in its character. No damage was done to the building, except in a store-room on the basement floor. The school was dismissed quietly and in order, and no person was injured in the least. H. CARLISLE,

Clerk of Board of Trustees.

NEW-YORK, Monday, Jan. 15, 1866.

LAW REPORTS.

Court Calendar—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM—Held by G. G. BARNARD, P. J., and CLERKE and INGRAHAM, J. J. Court opens at 11 A. M. Non-enumerated motions and Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, enumerated.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—*Part I.*—Nos. 449, 617, 633, 635, 639, 645, 651, 393, 611, 776, 311, 653, 659, 665, 669, 689, 691, 668, 695, 697.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—*Part II.*—Nos. 529, 954, 545, 220, 564, 570, 576, 584, 585, 586, 590, 594, 598, 614, 90, 440, 560, 1020, 272, 154, 568½.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—Held by Justice Sutherland. Nos. 10, 37; call begins at No. 38.

SUPERIOR COURT.—*Part I.*—Held by Justice JONES.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—Nos. 2041, 1827, 1325, 1475, 4629, 5538, 1463, 1817, 1819, 5400½, 1686, 901, 1793, 1841, 1357, 1573. *Part II.*—Held by Chief Justice ROBERTSON.—Court opens at 11 A. M.—Nos. 3810, 2176, 2140, 582, 2138, 2212, 2214, 2216, 2218, 2220, 2292, 2294, 2226, 2228, 2230.

COMMON PLEAS COURT, TRIAL TERM.—*Part I.*—Held by Judge CARDOZO.—Nos. 1186, 190, 1187, 1389, 1312, 1208, 1119, 973, 1253, 1322, 906, 1378, 1144, 114, 1270. *Part II.*—Held by DALY, First Judge.—Nos. 1377, 891, 1272, 778, 1204, 1118, 1404, 1169, 1341, 1384, 1430, 1411, 1412, 1413, 1414.

Instructions to Juries in Actions of Tort—Error to Add Interest to the Amount of Damages.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Before Justices Barnard, Clerke and Ingraham.

Robert P. Black vs. *The Camden and Amboy Railroad Company.*—This was an action to recover for damages to cattle alleged to have been received on board of defendants' boat. During the trial, which lasted three days, a number of exceptions were taken by the defendants, and among others one to the following language in the charge: "If you come to the conclusion that the defendants were liable for some damage, you will add to the amount of damage for which you think them liable, and add for the purpose of idemnifying the plaintiff, interest from April, 1860, to the present time."

The jury gave a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and the defendants appealed.

The General Term reversed the judgment and ordered a new trial.

INGRAHAM, J., in delivering the opinion of the Court, among other things said: "It has been for a long time a controverted question whether in actions of tort, interest could be given as a matter of right in addition to damages."

"In Dana vs. Fredier (2 Kernan, 49), it was held that in action for damages on a breach of a contract, the plaintiff was entitled to interest on the damages awarded for the breach, from that time until the trial. So in actions for trespass for taking plaintiff's property (1 John Rep. 184; 1 Baldwin, 138), and in trover (4 Cow. 58; 7 Wend. 355), the plaintiff has been considered as entitled to interest on the value of the property taken or converted from the time of conversion; but this rule has not, as far as I am aware of, been applied to other classes of torts, where there was no property taken or converted, and where the question was one of *damage purely unliquidated* and to be assessed by a jury. The rule in such cases has been to leave the question to the jury, not only as to amount of damages, but as to question of interest."

Washington Murray for the railroad and appellant; M. Goeppe for Black, the respondent.

Important Question on the Law of Arrest.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM—JAN. 15.

Before Judges Barnard, Clerke and Ingraham.

Manuel Barrera vs. *Antonio Entensa.*—The plaintiff obtained an order for arrest in the sum of $3,000 against the defendant on the ground that the defendant had received goods of the plaintiff to the amount of $2,350 to sell; had sold the same, put the money in his pocket, and refused to pay over to the plaintiff.

The defendant, who has been in the debtors' prison in Ludlow-street, confined under this order, since Nov. 6, 1865, made a motion before Hon. Justice LEONARD to be discharged, and showed the following facts: That in August last he received in Havana, from the plaintiff 3,300 cigars, of the value there of $1,655, to be smuggled through the Custom-house in New-York, and when so smuggled, the defendant was to sell the same, or put them in the hands of some merchant or broker in New-York for sale, the plaintiff to assume all risks of smuggling on shipboard and of the sale. The defendant states that he smuggled the cigars through the Custom-house and tried to sell them, but finally put them in the hands of one Broome for sale, under a commission of 2½ per cent. This Broome was at the time a man in good credit and standing, had sold similar goods for the plaintiff's brother and other Cubans, and was recommended by the plaintiff's brother and a Mr. Gonzales. After Broome had got the cigars he disappeared, and the defendant supposed he must have sold them and pocketed the proceeds. The defendant denied positively that he ever received any of the proceeds thereof.

The defendant's story was in some respects corroborated by two affidavits.

His Honor Justice LEONARD denied the motion for discharge. From that denial the defendant appealed to the General Term, and the case was argued before the above three Judges, by Dennis McMahon for the defendant, and by Mr. Voorhies, and Beebe, Dean & Donohue, for the plaintiff.

The defendant's counsel claimed on the argument that his client was entitled to a discharge on two grounds;

First—That he had established that his client had not received the proceeds of the cigars, but that Bromne had.

Second—That even if there was enough on which to make the arrest, yet on the new light presented by the defence, viz.; that the goods were taken on a contract to smuggle them, the contract was of that nature that it could not be enforced. It was not a lawful trust, a breach of which would call on this court to interpose in behalf of the plaintiff. In such a case the position of the defendant is the more powerful. The alleged trust was clearly immoral and illegal. It was a bailment of goods to be smuggled through the New-York Custom-house, and thereafter to be sold. If any part of the trust was illegal, the whole was, and no part of it can be enforced in a court of justice.

The counsel cited a number of legal authorities to sustain this decision.

After hearing the counsel for the plaintiff, the Court agreed with Mr. McMahon's second position, viz., as to the illegal nature of the bailment, and reversed Judge Leonard's denial with costs on appeal and costs below, and ordered the defendant's discharge on his stipulating to bring no action for the wrongful arrest; against the latter part of the order Mr. McMahon objected, but the Court said they were accustomed to impose those conditions where the original order of arrest was granted on a proper state of facts. Defendant discharged.

D. & T. McMahon for defendant; Beebe, Dean & Donohue for plaintiff.

Action Against the Sixth-avenue Railroad Company—The Six Cent Fare.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 15.

Before Justice McCunn.

Moneypenny vs. *The Sixth-avenue Railroad Company.*—The plaintiff brought the action to recover the sum of $1,100, being the aggregate of twenty-two penalties of $50 each. It is brought under the General Railroad Act, under which plaintiff claims that the Sixth-avenue Company were incorporated, which act prohibits their charging more than three cents a mile or fraction of a mile. For charging more he claims the company forfeit, according to the statute, $50 each time, besides the fare. To test the question he rode twenty-two times from Fourth-street to Fourteen-street—less than a mile—paid his fare each time, but each time protested against the action of the conductor in charging six cents.

In defence, the company set up that by the resolutions of the Common Council of this city, passed in 1854, and subsequently confirmed by the Legislature, they were authorized to charge five cents for any distance, however short. To this defence the plaintiff put in a demurrer, alleging that the act of 1857, commonly called the General Railroad Act, annuls any such agreement or ordinance of the Common Council. The case was argued at length yesterday on this demurrer. Decision reserved. For plaintiff, Mr. Gerry; for defendants, Ex-Justice Slosson.

Liability of the City for Loss of Life Resulting from Defective Piers—A Verdict of $1,200 Against the Corporation.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—JAN. 15.

Before Daly, First Judge and a Jury.

William R. Wilson, Administrator, &c. vs. *The Mayor of New-York, &c.*—This action was brought against the city by the plaintiff as administrator, to recover the sum of $5,000 under the statute of 1847. The damages sustained by the plaintiff are briefly these, as appear from the pleadings and the testimony on the trial:

On Sunday, the 2d day of August, 1863, Wm. E. Wilson, a lad aged about 16 years, who was a son of the plaintiff, went in company with several of his companions to Pier No. 64

...ck at the New-York Office of the United States Treasury, since July 1, 1865:

Customs Received.		Gold Interest Paid.
July	$3,926,190	July	$5,714,397
August	13,180,400	August	454,575
September	13,097,062	September	4,117,419
October	11,984,408	October	5,888,933
November	10,138,601	November	4,948,788
December	8,378,335	December	3,768,664
January 2	2,107,341	January 2	3,267,940
January 13	2,334,695	January 13	1,120,789
Total	$70,159,033	Total	$7,927,663

Several of the Government banking-houses and the National Banks are buying the January Coupons on the third series of the Seven-Thirties at full face value.

It is stated that Secretary McCULLOCH instructed the United States Cotton Agents in this city to make no sales of captured cotton until further notice.

The following dividends are announced: Firemen's Fund Insurance Company, 3½ ₱ cent., free; Southern Bank, New-Orleans, 4 ₱ cent.

The death of Mr. Geo. S. Robbins, senior member of the firm of Messrs. George S. Robbins & Son, Bankers, was announced to-day. The deceased was in his seventieth year. He was held in high esteem in financial circles.

The following tabular statement in detail for each branch of traffic upon the Reading Railroad shows the comparative results of the year 1864:

Travel—342,362 passengers		$909,888
Merchandise—807,106 tons		5,833,179
Coal—3,068,577 tons		7,303,775
Rail		28,497
Miscellaneous		178,411
Gross receipts		$9,269,941
Gross expenses		3,961,191
Net profits		$4,308,150

	Receipts.	Increase.	Per ct.
Travel—393,359 passengers	$1,085,847	$185,965	17 1-10
Merchandise—946,105 tons	1,126,277	311,801	22 2-10
Coal—3,090,814 tons	8,627,292	1,423,517	19 7-10
Rail	28,871	2,374	22 8-10
Miscellaneous	256,226	76,521	43
Gross receipts	$11,149,519	$1,875,178	20 2-10
Gross expenses	6,330,248	1,369,057	27 6-10
Net profits	$4,812,271	$504,121	11 7-10

The total amount of traffic of the Atlantic and Great Western Railway for month of December:

1865	$599,762	1864	$357,556
Inc	$242,206		

Government received $4,641,293 last week from internal revenue, as follows: Monday, $1,-238,780 78; Tuesday, $725,848 89; Wednesday, $742,491 75; Thursday, $670,861 14; Friday, $802,-122 19; and for Saturday, $461,418 67. The total receipts of the National Treasury thus far in the current fiscal year commencing with July 1, 1865, have been about $190,000,000, or at the average rate of nearly seven millions a week.

Relative to the rapidly recovering trade between the port of Havre and the United States, the *Courier de Havre* says:

"The commercial relations between this port and the United States, owing to the termination of the American crisis, have latterly recovered an extraordinary activity. The fact is proved by the simultaneous departure of the following steamers: The transatlantic French steamer *Europe* left this port for New-York on the 15th, with 730 tons of different kinds of merchandise; the transatlantic American steamer *Arago* arrived from New-York on the 10th, with a cargo of cotton, and left Havre on the 19th, with 1,000 tons of fuel for the voyage, besides 900 tons of goods. The English steamer *Niagara* arrived here from Liverpool on the 12th, with a full cargo, consisting of 2,124 bales of cotton, and 206 sundry packages, landed its goods, and took on board a rich freight of tissues, wines, glass, &c., in all 1,500 tons, for New-York. The English steamer *America* arrived on the same day, with a cargo of 2,616 bales of cotton and 2,000 sundries, and will take up here a freight similar to that of the *Niagara* for her voyage to the United States. The American sailing packet *Mercury* arrived from New-York on the 22d ultimo, with cotton; will leave on the 24th of December with 1,000 tons of goods of all sorts, chiefly wines and porcelain. The commission of the Havre Railway is at this moment encumbered with merchandise conveyed every day from the capital. On the 17th, the eve of the departure of the *Arago* and *Niagara*, the railway presented an extraordinary scene of activity, such as had not been witnessed for the last six years. More than 2,000 packages were piled up in the two offices waiting to be taken away."

Internal Revenue Decision.

A decision of importance to the large manufacturing interest of the country has lately been made by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington. A firm of extensive cabinet and furniture manufacturers of this city brought the question before that particular department through their counsel. Having been assessed for taxes on unfinished furniture, upon which duty had been paid already by the original manufacturer elsewhere, application was made to the department for information to know whether the finisher is liable to duty on its entire or increased value, and also to know whether he may be allowed to deduct from the value of furniture manufactured by him the cost of looking-glasses and marble tops, which he buys and uses, and on which a duty has been paid. In answer, the Commissioner says, that when a party buys furniture in the white or unfinished condition, on which a duty has been paid, and more completely finishes and fits it for use, by painting, varnishing, upholstering, &c., he is liable to a duty of six per cent. on its increased value only. When a party buys looking-glasses and finished marble slabs, on which an excise has been paid, and uses them in the manufacture of furniture, he may be allowed, in making up his monthly return, to deduct their cost from the value of the finished articles, in the construction of which they are used.—*Baltimore Sun, Jan. 13.*

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

☞ AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF the Stockholders of the New-Jersey Central Coal Mining Company, held Dec. 18, 1865, the following persons were unanimously elected Trustees of the Company for the ensuing year:

A. D. MACARTY, President.
R. C. Winterhoff, Vice-President, of Winterhoff & Co.
Richard Makin, of R. & J. Makin.
C. Pugenstecher, of Pugenstecher & Co.
Aug. Perret, of H. Hennequin & Co.
F. Schumacher, of H. Boker & Co.
A. A. PENNINGTON, Treasurer and Sec'y.

The office of the Company has been removed from No. 49 Beaver-st. to No. 42 Pine-st., room No. 10.

☞ N. Y. STATE 7 PER CENT STOCK, 7-30 NOTES AND COMPOUND NOTES BOUGHT AND SOLD BY THE NATIONAL CURRENCY BANK, No. 2 Wall-st., corner of Broadway.

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Monday, Jan. 15, 1866.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been 16 bbls. Ashes, 3,266 bbls. Flour, 2,462 bags Corn Meal, 2,225 bushels Wheat, 18,600 bushels Corn, 6,300 bushels Oats, 2,187 bushels Malt, 59 bbls. Pork, 218 pkgs. Cut Meats, 205 pkgs. Lard, 44 bbls. Beef and 253 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Are inactive and somewhat nominal. Pots are quoted dull at $8@$8 25 ₱ 100 lbs. Nothing new in Pearls.

COFFEE—Is in moderate demand and quite firm. We quote: Java at 28c.@29c.; Maracaibo at 21½c. @23½c.; Laguayra at 22c.@23c.; Rio at 17¼c.@20½c.; Native Ceylon at 24c.@25c., and St. Domingo at 17¼c. @18¼c., cash, in gold, ₱ lb.

COTTON—Has been in fair request at buoyant prices, Middlings ranging from 51c.@52c. ₱ lb. Sales and resales since our last, 4,500 bales. The receipts of Cotton at this port have been 30,060 bales since Jan. 1, and 473,473 bales since the commencement of the current Cotton year, Sept. 1, 1865.

DRY GOODS—The Dry Goods Exchange report, to-day, is as follows: *Jobbers' Prices.*—Brown Sheetings—Amoskeag A, 32c.; Atlantic A, 32c.; Atlantic D, 29½c.; Atlantic E, 26½c.; Atlantic H, 31½c. Bleached Shirtings—Bartlett, 4-4, 40c.; Bartlett, 33 inch, 35c.; Bartlett, 30 inch, 32c.; Bates, 4-4, 42c.; Bates, B B, 38c.; Canoe, 21c. Prints—Merrimack W, 28c.; Hamilton, 25c.; Richmond, 25c.; American, 25c.; Allen, 22½c.; Victory, 22c. Delaines—Hamilton Woolen Co., 29c.; Hamilton Manufacturing Co., 25c. Cambrics—Washington, 23c.; Portland, 19c. Silesias—Indian Orchard, 35c.; Massapequa, 40c. Ticks—Methuen A A, 65c.; Whittenden A, 45c. Stripes—Amoskeag, 50c.; Eagle, 39c.; Albany, 23c. Denims—Pearl River, 54c.; Manchester, 42½c. Hoop Skirts—Bradley's Duplex Elliptic, 20 to 50 hoops, 87½c.@$1 05; Empress Trail, $1 25; Myers' I X L, 1¼ inch tapes, 20 to 40 hoops, 48c.@73c.; 3 inch tapes, 20 to 40 hoops, 68c.@$1 12. The following dispatches were received at the Dry Goods Exchange to-day: Providence—No sale for print goods; prices nominal; trade dull. Philadelphia—Cotton goods firm; demand for the West rather better; woolens steady.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour have been in more demand at a partial improvement of 5c.@10c. ₱ bbl. Sales since our last 9,800 bbls., including very inferior to choice Superfine State and Western at $7 60@$7 40; inferior to choice Extra State at $7 80@$8 40, chiefly at $7 85@$8 10; round-hoop Extra Ohio, inferior to good shipping brands, at $8 45@$8 65 ₱ bbl. We now quote:

Superfine State and Western	$7 00 @ $7 40
Extra State	7 80 @ 8 40
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, &c.	7 85 @ 11 00
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, ship'g brands	8 45 @ 8 65
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	8 70 @ 11 50
Extra Genesee	8 45 @ 11 25
Poor to very choice extra Missouri	9 35 @ 15 26
Southern Flour is unaltered to-day; sales since our last 500 bbls., in lots, at $8 75@$8 85 for poor to good, and $10@$15 25 for good to very choice extra brands, ₱ bbl. Canadian Flour is dull and heavy; sales 300 bbls. Extra at $8 10@$11 25 ₱ bbl.

Rye Flour is in demand, including Superfine at $6 25@$6 25 ₱ bbl.; sales 150 bbls. Corn Meal continues in limited request at $4 25 for State and Western, $4 25@$4 35 for Jersey, $4 75 for Marsh's Caloric, and $4 75 for Brandywine, ₱ bbl.; sales 250 bbls. Buckwheat Flour continues dull and heavy at $3 75@$4 12½ ₱ 100 lbs.

GRAIN—Wheat has been very quiet and unsettled in price, to-day. Corn is rather firmer, but not so; sales since our last 37,000 bushels at 83c.@86c. for unsound, and 87c.@90½c. for sound Mixed Western, in store and delivered; 84c. for New Yellow Western, and $1 01 for New White Southern ₱ bushel. Oats continue dull and heavy, including State at 60c.@62c.; Jersey and Pennsylvania at 54c.@57c.; Old Western at 59c.@60c. in store, and 61c.@62c. delivered, and New Western at 45c.@53c.; Canada at 69c. ₱ bushel. Rye is dull and heavy. Barley has been inactive. Sale of 1,300 bushels Malt at $1 50 ₱ bushel.

HAY—Is in less demand at 80c.@$1 for poor to choice, ₱ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Continue in fair request, and steady at 25c. @65c. for last year's crop, and 10c.@40c. for crop of 1864, ₱ lb.

LIME—Is inactive at former prices.

MOLASSES—Continues in moderate request and steady. We quote: New-Orleans at $1 05@$1 25; Porto Rico at 80c.@83c.; Cuba at 35c.@55c. ₱ gallon.

NAVAL STORES—Have been dull and heavy, including Spirits Turpentine at 97½@$1 02½ ₱ gallon; Crude do., at $6@$6 50; Rosin at $6 @$17 50 ₱ 280 lbs.; Tar, $3@$4 50 ₱ bbl.

OILS—Are quiet and depressed, including Crude Whale at $1 55@$1 60; Bleached Whale at $1 65@$1 70; Crude Sperm at $2 45@$2 48; Unbleached do. at $2 60; Lard Oil at $1 85@$2; Red Oil at $1@$1 10; Linseed Oil at $1 42@$1 43 ₱ gallon.

PETROLEUM—Continues quiet and heavy at 35c.@36c. for Crude; 54c.@56c. for Refined, in bond; and 72c.@75c. for do. free, ₱ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been unsettled during the day, but closes in favor of sellers. Sales since our last 5,840 bbls., at $30 62½@$31 37½ for new Mess, closing at $31 12½ cash; $29 75@$30 50, closing at $30 25 cash for one year old Mess; $23 for Prime Mess, and $22 50 for new Prime ₱ bbl. Also 5,250 bbls. new Mess, for January, February and March, sellers' and buyers' options, at $29 50@$31 ₱ bbl. Cut Meats continue in moderate demand at 11c.@13c. for Shoulders, and 15c.@17c. for Hams; sales 210 pkgs. Bacon is held higher and is quiet; sales 285 boxes, including Cumberland Cut at 15c.; Short Rib at 15½c.; Long Clear at 15¾c.; Long Cut Hams at 16¾c., and Bellies at 16c. ₱ lb. Dressed Hogs have been in more demand to-day at 12¾c.@12¾c. for Western, and 12¼c.@13c. for City, ₱ lb. Lard is stiffly held; sales 650 tcs. and bbls. at 15¾c.@18¾c.; also, 2,450 tcs., January, February and March delivery, sellers' option, part at 18¾c.@18¾c. ₱ lb. Beef is in moderate request at $13 50@$16 for New Mess, and $11@$14 for Plain Mess; also, $16 50@$20 for New Plain Mess, and $21@$24 50 for New Extra do. Sales have been reported of 525 bbls. Tierce Beef continues inactive at $37@$40 for Prime Mess, and $42@$45 for India Mess. Beef Hams are in fair request and firmer; 365 bbls. were sold at $30@$32 ₱ bbl. Butter is very quiet at 25c.@38c. for poor to prime, and 40c.@50c. for fancy extra to State, and 20c@38c. for Western, ₱ lb. Cheese continues inactive at 12c.@18c. for poor to Choice, ₱ lb. We quote:

BUTTER.

Orange and Sussex—fresh pails, ₱ lb	50	@	50
Pennsylvania and River—fresh pails, ₱ lb	30	@	50
Half-firkin tubs, State—first quality, ₱ lb	36	@	40
Half-firkin tubs, State—second quality, ₱ lb	33	@	37
New-York State Dairies—firkins—extra, ₱ lb	39	@	41
N. Y. State Dairies—firkins—good to fine, ₱ lb	35	@	38
N. Y. State Dairies—Welch tubs—extra, ₱ lb	36	@	38
N. Y. State Dairies—Welch tubs—good to fine, ₱ lb	33	@	35
Ordinary State—Welch tubs, ₱ lb	30	@	32
Pennsylvania Dairies—firkins—good to fine, ₱ lb	33	@	36
Western Reserve—firkins—fair to good, ₱ lb	27	@	32
Michigan and Indiana—firkins—fair to good, ₱ lb	26	@	30
Ill. and Wisconsin—firkins—fair to good, ₱ lb	25	@	28
Common Western—firkins, ₱ lb	20	@	23
Canada Butter—good to fine, ₱ lb	27	@	32
Roll Butter—good to fine, ₱ lb	30	@	39
Roll Butter—extra in cloth, ₱ lb	33	@	35

CHEESE.

Factory-made Dairies—first quality	17½	@	18
Factory-made Dairies—second quality	16½	@	17
Farm Dairies—first quality	17	@	18
Farm Dairies—second quality	15½	@	16
Farm Dairies—common	12	@	14
Orange County—flat skimmed	14	@	17

STEARINE—Sales since our last 46,000 lbs. at 14¾c. @16¾c. ₱ lb.

TALLOW—Sales to-day reach 230,000 lbs. at 12¼c. @13¾c., and 21,000 lbs. Grease at 11¾c.@12¾c. ₱ lb.

SUGARS—Have been in request at former prices. Sales, since our last, 368 hhds., including Cuba, &c., at from 11¼c.@13¾c., with 950 lbs. Havana at 12¾c. @12½c. ₱ lb. We quote: Fair to good Refining at 12¾c.@13c.; do. do., refining, at 11¾c.@11¾c. ₱ lb. Refined Sugars have been in demand at 14¾c.@18¼c. ₱ lb.

WHISKY—Sales, since our last, 280 bbls. in lots at $2 26@$2 28 per gal.

FREIGHTS—For Liverpool there were taken 600 bales Cotton at ¾d.@7-16d. ₱ lb.; 900 bbls. Petroleum at 5 s.3d. ₱ bbl.; 50 hhds. Tallow at 15s. ₱ ton; also, by steamer, 400 bales Cotton at ¾d.@¾d. ₱ lb., and 900 bxs. Bacon at 28s. per ton. For London, 21,000 bushels Corn (by steamer) at 5½d.@6d. ₱ bushel, and 800 pkgs. Measurement Goods at 17s. 6d. ₱ ton.

CITY GOVERNMENT.

[OFFICIAL.]

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION....MONDAY, Jan. 15, 1865.

Present—John Brice, Esq., President.
Aldermen Moore, Cogan, Norton, McBrien, Flynn, Shannon, Gedney, Ely, Ryers, Reilly, Ewer, Masterson, Varnum, Jr., O'Brien, McGinnis, Van Voorhis.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman Ryers—
Petition of the Rector, &c., of the Twenty-fourth-street Methodist Episcopal Church for a donation to pay taxes for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty.
Which was laid over.
By Alderman O'Brien—
Bill of Leander Buck for music furnished on the occasion of the funeral of Capt. Butler, of the Sixty-ninth Regiment.
Which was referred to Committee on Finance.
By Alderman Flynn—
Bill of the New-York Dispatch for publishing the canvass of electors.
Which was laid over.
By Alderman McGinnis—
Petition of property-holders and tax-payers of the Nineteenth Ward to build pier or bulkhead on proper line at the terminus of East Forty-ninth-street.
Which was referred to Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, when appointed.
By Alderman McGinnis—
Petition of the New-York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, for a donation equal to the taxes of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six on certain lots used by them as a seminary of learning.
Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.
By Alderman Reilly—
Petition of Peter Arnott for a donation for injury to his cow, &c.
Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.
By Alderman McBrien—
Petition of Mary O'Mallay for privilege to erect a booth in front of premises for the sale of coffee and cakes.
Which was referred to the Committee on Streets, when appointed.
By Alderman Varnum—
Petition of James H. Busch for permission to flag sidewalk and set curb and gutter stones, at his own expense, opposite his two lots, south side of Forty-seventh-street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.
Which was granted.
By the President—
Petition of William J. Howe to be appointed a Commissioner of Deeds.
Which was referred to Committee on Salaries and Offices when appointed.
By Alderman Shannon—
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to F. F. Vetters to keep coaches in front of his premises, numbers one hundred and sixty-eight, one hundred and seventy and one hundred and seventy-two Allen-street, during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was adopted.
By Alderman Gedney—
Resolved, That permission is hereby given to Augustus Edward to place a platform-scale in the street, in front of his premises, numbers seventy-eight and eighty Bank-street, for the purpose of weighing hay and straw, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was referred to Committee on Streets.
By Alderman Norton—
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John B. Karoher to place a sign in front of his place of business, number seventy-three Grand-street, said permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was adopted.
By Alderman O'Brien—
Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to place the name of Hugh Nearney, residing at number three hundred and thirty-four Second-street, on the list of blind persons who are to receive as a donation the sum of fifty dollars each.
Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.
By the President—
Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to draw his warrant for one thousand dollars, to Theodore M. Cochran, Treasurer for the New-York Female Assistance Society, and charge the same to its appropriate account.
Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.
By Alderman O'Brien—
Resolved, That the vacant lots on the north side of Thirty-seventh-street, commencing one hundred feet east of the north-easterly corner of Thirty-sixth-street and Second-avenue, and running easterly one hundred feet on the said Thirty-sixth-street, and the vacant lots on the south side of Thirty-seventh-street, commencing about one hundred and fifty feet from the south-easterly corner of Thirty-seventh-street and Second-avenue, and running easterly one hundred feet on the said Thirty-seventh-street, be and they are hereby ordered to be sold at public auction, after due notice, by the Commissioner of Deeds in the place of H. Ulrich, recently appointed, but who has failed to qualify.
Which was adopted.
By Alderman Cogan—
Resolved, That permission be, and the same is hereby given to Sylvester Lacy, to place a stand on the sidewalk opposite number one hundred and ninety-two Chatham-street, for the sale of notions, permission to occupy the same having been received from the owner or occupant of the premises, said permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was adopted.
By Alderman Loew—
Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby directed to draw his warrant in favor of Francis I. A. Boole, for the sum of nine thousand six hundred and fifty dollars for legal disbursement in the matter of the several investigations before the committee of the Board of Aldermen, Governor Seymour, the Senate Investigating Committee and Governor Fenton, during the last two years in this city and at Albany, of charges against him as City Inspector of the City of New-York, and that the Comptroller charge the same to the appropriation for City Contingencies.
Which was laid over.
By Alderman Varnum—
Resolved, That the name of Patrick Dunn, of number two hundred and twenty-seven East Twenty-first-street, be placed on the list of blind persons who are to receive a donation from the city of fifty dollars each.
Which was referred to Committee on Finance.
By Alderman Reilly—
Resolved, That Second-avenue, from Houston to Fourteenth-street, be paved with Belgian pavement, under the direction of Croton Aqueduct Department

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Amusements this Evening.

BARNUM'S NEW MUSEUM.
Broadway, between Spring and Prince sts.
THIS AFTERNOON at 3. EVENING at 7½ o'clock. GRAND CIRCUS PERFORMANCE. CONKLIN BROTHERS, Gymnasts. "ILLUSTRIOUS STRANGER, or MARRIED AND BURIED. Giants, dwarfs, 100,000 curiosities.

WOOD'S THEATRE.
Broadway, opposite St. Nicholas Hotel.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 16, commencing at 7½ o'clock. THE BALOON WEDDING. Characters by Messrs. F. S. Chanfrau, G. C. Davenport, Wm. Scallan, Eugene Eberle, Henry, James, Walsh, Newton, Miss Henriette Osborne, Mrs. Edward Wright, and Misses. Sallie Tray, Annie Merry, Frances Ullman, Gilmore and Gardner.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 16, commencing at 7½ o'clock. LEAH, a JEWISH MAIDEN. Characters by Messrs. J. C. Cowper, J. G. Burnett, C. H. Morton, D. E. Ralton, George Becks, E. S. Holmes, W. H. Danvers, Barry, Neal, Rendle, Gledhill, Gonzales, Mrs. A. Perry, Farren, A. Chapman, Everett, Lulu, &c.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 16, commencing at 8 o'clock. HENRY DUNBAR; OR, THE OUTCAST. Characters by Messrs. J. W. Wallack, Charles W. H. Young, Mr. George Holland, Mr. Norton, Mr. Pope, Miss Mary Gannon, Miss Madeline Henriques, Miss Ione Burke.

WINTER GARDEN.
Broadway, between Bleecker and Amity sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 16, commencing at 7:20 o'clock. HAMLET. Characters by Edwin Booth, Mr. Charles Barron, J. H. Taylor, Donaldson, Dyott, Burroughs, Humphrey Bland, W. H. Andrews, Mrs. Wilkins, Miss Effie Germon, Andrews, and others.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Canal and Hester sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 16, commencing at 7 o'clock. 7 FOUR TRAVELERS and THE BLUE DWARF. All the company in the cast.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 16, commencing at 7½ o'clock. ST. MARC; OR, THE SOLDIER OF FORTUNE. Characters by Messrs. E. L. Davenport, J. B. Studley, Morton, Hind, Garrison, Lewis, Stoddard, Selwyn, Rockwell, Scott, Stanley; Misses Eliza Newton, Louisa Myers and Kate Newton.

LUCY RUSHTON'S NEW-YORK THEATRE,
Nos. 728 and 730 Broadway.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 16, commencing at 7½ o'clock. THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL. Characters by Messrs. C. M. Walcott, Harry Pearson, C. W. Clarke, J. K. Mortimer, T. Placide. Mr. J. Moore, Wm. A. Mestayer, Miss Lucy Rushton, Mrs. Clara Maeder, Mrs. Mark Smith, Mrs. A. W. Young.

BROADWAY THEATRE.
Broadway, between Grand and Broome sts.
THIS AFTERNOON, Jan. 16, commencing at 1½. EVENING, 7½ o'clock. SOLON SHINGLE. Characters by Messrs. John E. Owens, W. C. Forbes, J. W. Albaugh, F. J. Evans, H. L. Hinton, W. H. Hamblin, H. Jordan, J. D. Bilby, F. W. Williams; Mrs. A. Hind, Miss Saidee Cole.

FOX'S OLD BOWERY THEATRE,
Bowery, between Bayard and Canal sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 16, commencing at 7½ o'clock. JACK SHEPPARD'S DOG and THE FLOATING BEACON. Characters by K. Fox, Masden, McClosky, C. Foster, Guion, Bradshaw and others.

DODWORTH'S HALL.
Broadway, opposite Eleventh-st.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 16, commencing at 8 o'clock. De Cordova's Humorous Lecture, THE SAW IN RE, MIDGE vs. PIDGE.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS AND HIPPOTHEATRON.
14th-st., opposite the Academy of Music.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 16, commencing at 8 o'clock. JAMES ROBINSON and a complete troupe of Equestrian and Gymnastic Performers.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.
Broadway, between Grand and Broome sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 16, commencing at 7½ o'clock. ICI ON PARLE FRANCAIS, THE HAND-ALONE-BROTHERS, and THE STREETS OF NEW-YORK. Characters by N. Seymour and Dan Bryant.

GEORGE CHRISTY'S OPERA HOUSE.
West 24th-st., near 5th-av.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 16, commencing at 8 o'clock NEW-YEAR'S CALLS; or, "SAM IN CORK."

AMERICAN THEATRE.
Broadway, between Howard and Grand sts.
THIS EVENING, Jan. 16, commencing at 7½ o'clock. CHANGE OF PROGRAMME EVERY EVENING. Characters by the troupe. Ballet, songs, &c.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday a bill was introduced to provide for the examination of army officers before a competent board, for the purpose of weeding out incapables. Referred to the Military Committee. Mr. WILSON'S bill to fix the strength of the peace military establishment was called up and recommitted. A petition in favor of a protective tariff was offered. A resolution was offered to admit to the military and naval academies none who have served in the rebel army. Various petitions were presented for the equalization of bounties, for the retention of the Veteran Reserve Corps, for prize money, and for the donation of public documents to public schools. A petition for the increase of import duties was presented by Mr. SPRAGUE, of Rhode Island, who spoke in favor of the measure. A bill was reported favorably to establish a military and naval asylum for officers and soldiers of the regular army. A joint resolution was offered recommending the speedy trial of JEFFERSON DAVIS and C. C. CLAY. Mr. CHANDLER called attention to a resolution offered in December relative to our claims upon England for property destroyed by Anglo-rebel privateers. After a few remarks he offered a joint resolution, requesting the President to withdraw our Minister from England, and adopt a policy of non-intercourse with that country. The resolution lies over. A bill to facilitate communication between the several States was called up and considered. A bill to provide an asylum for disabled officers and men of the volunteer service was called up and its consideration postponed till to-day. After a short executive session, the Senate adjourned.

In the House a resolution was adopted to inquire into the expediency of repealing the two per cent. tax now levied on hulls of vessels as launched. The Committee on Public Buildings was instructed to inquire into the condition of the White House. The credentials of members elect from Arkansas were presented by Mr. DELANO, of Ohio; referred to the Committee on Reconstruction. The Committee on Banking and Currency was instructed to inquire into the expediency of permitting National banks to change their place of location. A resolution in regard to amending the internal revenue laws was adopted; also a resolution in regard to an increased tax on imported umbrellas and parasols; also one inquiring into the expediency of laying a license tax on horse races. A bill to amend the constitution, in regard to representation and direct taxation, was introduced and referred to the Committee on Reconstruction. A resolution to submit the question of white suffrage in the District of Columbia to a vote of the black population, was laid on the table. A resolution was agreed to in regard to a bill to regulate the rate of mileage. The Judiciary Committee was instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the test oath law in favor of attorneys at law. Mr. KASSON, of Iowa, made a statement refuting the recent charges made in certain journals against Mrs. LINCOLN. A debate then ensued on the bill to extend suffrage in the District of Columbia. After listening to several speeches for and against the proposed amendment, the House adjourned.

GENERAL NEWS.

Some trouble having arisen in the Mississippi Department from interference with the management of the Freedmens Bureau on the part of certain officers not connected with it, the commanding officer has issued an order prohibiting all such interference; also, all public harangues or written addresses by such officers to the inhabitants of the department. Such officers are reminded that their duties are purely executive, to be carried out literally under the orders and regulations promulgated from time to time by competent higher authority.

On the wagon route now being opened between Denver City and Utah, are two very prominent mountains, which Judge HUGHES, the builder of the road, has named Mount Grant and Mount Sherman. He describes them as follows: The former is a commanding, solid, firmly-set mass, appearing to defy, in its calm self-repose, the utmost assaults of all the storms; the other, shooting up in the vicinity even more heavenward, a more brilliant eye-catching column, more sharply defined than its great neighbor, more aspiring—both equally remarkable among the other great features of this backbone of our continent.

On Sunday evening an attempt was made to burn Dr. HALL'S church, in Providence, R. I. After the evening service, and the congregation had withdrawn, the two or three persons remaining discovered, just as they were closing the building, that it was on fire. One of them thought of the belfry stairs, where once before an incendiary fire was kindled, and to that point they proceeded, when up under a door leading to the bell-deck, which was locked, they found a compact bundle of rags, held snugly together by caretul stitching, and with two long trains attached, all saturated with camphene or kerosene, and the trains burning slowly up toward the bundle. The intense smoke emitted by the burning trains had penetrated to the lower part of the house sooner than the incendiary expected, and the wicked scheme to burn one of the most beautiful church edifices in the State was happily frustrated.

Col. SHAFFER, former Chief of Staff to Gen. BUTLER, who has just returned from a two months' tour through several of the Gulf States, says that almost all the Northern men who went there to settle are preparing to return to the North, in consequence of the bitter hostility of the Southern people toward them. He predicts that by the 1st of May all who can get away will have left the South for more congenial climes. From personal observation and from all the facts he was able to gather during his tour, he has come to the conclusion that the cotton crop this year will be far below the estimated amount, probably not more than 700,000 bales. On the other hand, Southern business men, who have better opportunity of knowing the true state of affairs in regard to this matter, say that the crop this year will be nearer two millions of bales than the former figure.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Ledger* writes that it appears to be now pretty well settled that the Joint Congressional Committee will merely send for persons and papers—the former to include Generals who served during the war, loyal and disloyal citizens of the South, correspondents of the press who have visited the South since the cessation of the war, government agents, such as CARL SCHURZ, and, in short, all who would be likely to afford enlightenment on the subject. Meanwhile, the Tennessee members will be compelled to remain out in the cold, as it is quite certain now that no action upon any of the Senators or Representatives from the South will be taken until the labors of the committee are ended.

The New-Haven *Journal* denies the story that Rev. Dr. BACON has made any communication to Speaker COLFAX on behalf of the Faculty of Yale College. It says that Dr. BACON thinks that Congress has not interfered with the President's right of action, and hopes that the President will not interfere with the rights of Congress, one of which is to decide for itself whether any person asking for a seat in the House or Senate has a constituency behind him. The whole story probably grew out of the fact that a letter of a different tenor and purpose was recently sent to Mr. COLFAX, not by Dr. BACON nor by any member of the family, but by a gentleman who wrote in his own name and for himself only.

Senator SUMNER, on Saturday evening, received a box containing the finger of a negro, accompanied with the following note:

"You old ——. I send you a piece of one of your friends; and, if that bill of yours passes, I will have a piece of you. (Signed) A UNION MAN."

The finger, which had evidently been in alcohol for some time, was done up in a round box, addressed in a beautiful hand, and left upon the door-step of Senator SUMNER'S boarding-house, where it was found by a servant girl. The note was in a boyish hand, and in several instances are misspelled.

A large meeting of bankers and others was held at the Merchants' Exchange, Boston, yesterday, to take action in regard to the noble and humane conduct of Capt. BURKE in saving the crew and passengers of the ship *Gratitude*, as reported yesterday. A testimonial is to be presented, and money will be immediately collected for the relief of the emigrants saved through Capt. BURKE'S bravery and generous care, after being taken on board his vessel.

On Dec. 28, the Florida State Senate passed the joint resolution ratifying the Constitutional Amendment abolishing slavery—36 yeas, 2 nays. Mr. PEDEN recorded his vote in the affirmative, but entered the following lucid protest: "I gave my vote in affirmation of the ratification of the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as a reason resulting naturally from preëxisting circumstances, and without constraint."

The steamer *Lillie*, reported in the Sunday issue as having been seized by pirates on her way down the Tombigbee, in Western Alabama, has been recaptured by a detachment of the Twenty-first Missouri Regiment. The outlaws had succeeded in landing only seventy-five bales of the large cargo of cotton on board.

The N. O. *Picayune* states that nearly one-half of the German immigrants who lately arrived in that city from New-York, under contract to work on a plantation in the interior, have refused to fulfill the engagement and remain in the city, hoping to secure higher wages. The contractor is out of pocket to the amount of their passage money, which, according to agreement, he had paid.

The trial of Rev. F. P. GALLAGHER, Catholic priest of Rolla, Mo., indicted for preaching and teaching without having taken the oath of the new constitution, has been removed, on a change of venue, to St. Louis County, and will be heard before the Criminal Court at its present term. Distinguished counsel will appear in the case, and the trial will be an interesting one.

The extortions of the Gas Company of New-Orleans have at last driven the citizens and city government to self-protection. The plan of lighting with petroleum is considered feasible, and the Mayor has advertised for proposals. That city is not alone in her afflictions, and the experiment will be watched with much interest.

The dullness of affairs on the Rio Grande has been abruptly broken by the accidental discharge of a musket, which defeated an incipient movement of some of Gen. CRAWFORD'S men to capture a gunboat near Matamoras. The occurrence is said to have caused a consternation, and an exchange of volleys on both sides.

The steam communication between New-Orleans and Europe is developing with unabated energy. The Liverpool line is building new vessels to make the trip in eighteen days. The French steamship line advertise to run their steamers between New-Orleans and the Island of St. Marguerite, on the coast of France.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Ledger* states that contributions from abroad and from importers in New-York are flowing freely into the treasury of the Free Trade League. It is stated, on good authority, that AUGUST BELMONT sent to it last week his check for $50,000.

Indianapolis is infested with desperadoes. Robberies and knock-downs are of nightly occurrence. A young woman named SARAH RYAN committed suicide in that city, on the 11th inst., by taking laudanum. She was recently brought there from the country by a heartless wretch, who deserted her.

Law and justice do not always travel hand in hand. A man who was guilty of a great crime near Albany, N. Y., has been all the time at liberty on bail, and finally escaped altogether, while his victim was kept in prison from May until January—eight months—as a witness.

Major-Gen. CANBY, in command at New-Orleans, has issued an order by which the State Bank of Louisiana, the Bank of Louisiana, the Crescent City Bank of New-Orleans, and the Merchants' Bank, with their assets, have been restored to their corporators, under certain restrictions named.

A minority of the California Senate have reported favorably on the bill repealing the specific contract law, which requires special pledges to pay in currency. The majority are opposed to the repeal and are in favor of conducting business on the basis of a specie currency.

The finest skating park in the country is at Alleghany City, Penn. It comprises seven acres, with clear ice, and a half-mile race course, with buildings and a reception-room for ladies. The buildings alone cost $10,000.

Capt. COLEMAN, late of the rebel army, has been tried at New-Orleans for steamboat burning and banished the country. He is a grandson of Hon. JOHN J. CRITTENDEN and nephew of Gen. PILLOW.

Mrs. DOUGLAS, widow of the late Senator DOUGLAS, is to be married on the 30th inst. to Brevet Brig.-Gen. WILLIAMS, A. A. G. General U. S. A., who is now on duty at the War Department.

THOMAS J. LILLIE, an old and highly respected printer, and for many years Treasurer of the Franklin Typographical Society, died at Boston yesterday morning.

Mrs. President JOHNSON has received from Sir MORTON PETO a most elegant and costly present in the form of a Christmas box of rare and exquisite device, filled with Parisian bonbons.

Major-Gen. SHERIDAN, commanding Department of the Gulf, has ordered the Quartermaster's Department at New-Orleans, La., to supply the poor of that city with wood.

Brevet Major-Gen. ALEXANDER S. WEBB, United States Volunteers, has been ordered to report to his home, to report thence by letter to the Adjutant-General of the army.

The Chicago Astronomical Society has obtained the guarantee of the payment of $5,000 to purchase a meridian circle as soon as the contract is made for its construction.

A large fire occurred at Binghamton, N. Y., on Sunday last, destroying a block of buildings in the main part of the town.

The New-Orleans *Picayune* gives notice of a novel telegraph invention, in which no electricity is used.

Gen. ALEXANDER, of the engineer corps, has been detailed to make a thorough inspection of the fortifications in the Northern States.

The Mobile and Ohio Railroad is fully opened and daily trains have commenced running. The through time is thirty-six hours.

The annual meeting of the Connecticut State Temperance Union will be held in Hartford on Wednesday next. Gov. BUCKINGHAM will preside.

Hon. JOHN BELL has commenced a series of letters on national politics, which are published in the Louisville *Journal*.

The Boston *Courier* is to change its name to the *Daily Evening Commercial*, beginning Jan. 15.

The residence of J. B. EDWARDS, Esq., in Oswego, N. Y., was destroyed by fire on the 14th inst.

Gov. WORTH, of North Carolina, has called a special session of the General Assembly for Jan. 18.

LOCAL NEWS.

A case of some public interest came up yesterday in the Superior Court at Special Term. The suit is entitled MONEYPENNY *vs.* the Sixth-avenue Railroad Company. It was brought by plaintiff to recover the sum of about $1,100 of the Railroad Company, for an alleged violation of the statute, commonly termed the General Railroad Act, passed by the Legislature in 1857, which prohibits companies from charging passengers more than three cents per mile, or fraction of a mile, and for a violation of this they are liable to a penalty of $50 each time, besides a forfeiture of the fare. Plaintiff traveled twenty-two times between Fourth-street and Fourteenth-street, each time paying six cents, but each time protesting against the action of the conductor. The case was argued yesterday on a demurrer to the defendant's answer, which sets up that by the resolutions of the Common Council, passed in 1854, and subsequently confirmed by the Legislature, they were authorized to charge five cents for any distance. The Court took the papers and reserved its decision.

There were 440 deaths in this city last week—100 men, 89 women, 143 boys and 108 girls—an increase of 7 as compared with last week, and a decrease of 70 as compared with the corresponding period of 1865. Of the deceased, 226 were children under 5 years of age. The mortality by the principal diseases was as follows: Consumption, 58; infantile convulsions, 37; inflammation of the lungs, 38; infantile marasmus, 18; scarlet fever, 24; bronchitis, 16; disease of brain, 14; infantile debility, 14; dropsy in the head, 17; inflammation of the bowels, 10; diphtherite, 16; from external causes, 42, including one death from starvation. There were 36 deaths in the institutions, and 16 interments in Potter's Field.

The trial of JOHN GOODMAN for the murder of DANIEL MCDONALD, was yesterday commenced in the Court of General Sessions. It appeared from the evidence that on the morning of the 7th of November last the prisoner and deceased, with several others, were in the liquor-store, corner of Second-avenue and Thirty-ninth-street; that the prisoner and deceased went into the back room, and four minutes afterward the latter came out saying that he had been stabbed. No one was found in the room by persons who entered immediately after deceased came out, but the side door leading to the street was open, and the prisoner was soon after discovered slowly running up the street. The case will be continued to-day.

The receipts of beef cattle at the various markets yesterday were fully up to the average. There were more animals of an inferior quality than have arrived during any single week for some time past. Trade was somewhat dull, and prices declined from last week nearly 1c. ₱ lb. on the same grades of cattle. The supply of milch cows exceeds the demand. Good veals sell readily at 12c.@14c. ₱ lb. live weight. The receipts of sheep are unusually large, and the prices declining. Live hogs are advancing, and trade is more active than at last week's market.

An important question has just been decided by the Supreme Court at General Term in this city, in the suit of Robert P. Black *vs.* The Camden and Amboy Railroad Company. Mr. Justice INGRAHAM, in giving the decision of the court, says, in substance, that it is error, in a judge sitting at *nisi prius*, to instruct a jury in actions of tort against common carriers; that if the plaintiff is entitled to recover, interest, as a matter of law, should be added to the amount of damages sustained.

The Board of Aldermen yesterday laid over a resolution offered by Mr. O'BRIEN rescinding the resolution to widen Ann and Fulton streets. The nomination of Dr. MOREAU MORRIS as Health Commissioner, in place of Dr. WM. MURPHY, was confirmed. A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, from which it appears that the total deficiency caused by the defalcation of the late Public Administrator is $41,000. The board adjourned to the 22d inst.

In the Supreme Court Circuit, yesterday, Justice J. F. BARNARD presiding, fifty-five jurors were called who did not answer to their names. Of this number twenty-two, who had been personally served, were fined the usual sum of $25 each for non-attendance. The remaining thirty-three will be summoned to show cause before the Commissioner of Jurors, why they did not attend the court, they not having been personally served.

A woman named LOUISA AMALD, living at No. 5 Fifth-street, made yesterday a desperate attempt at suicide. She at first cut her throat with a razor, but failing to inflict a mortal wound, she ran down to the East River and attempted to drown herself. She was, however, rescued from the river and conveyed to Bellevue Hospital for treatment.

The New-England Society met at DELMONICO'S last evening. Two hundred new members were added to the list, making the total membership about nine hundred. A grand social reunion is in contemplation for April next, at which the wives, sisters and daughters of the members are to be brought together.

Coroner COLLIN held an inquest yesterday at the New-York Hospital on the body of PATRICK DUNLAP, who died on Saturday from the effects of a stab wound in the left lung inflicted by EDWARD JOHNSON. A verdict was rendered in accordance with the facts, and a warrant has been issued for JOHNSON'S arrest.

A large meeting of persons interested in the proposed widening of Ann and Fulton streets, was held yesterday at Powers' Hotel, Park-row. A committee of influential gentlemen was appointed to oppose the measure, and to obtain subscriptions for legal expenses, &c.

Mr. HENRY JAMES' lecture on THOMAS CARLYLE, last evening, was an interesting, spirited, and altogether successful literary effort, and was received with much and intelligent satisfaction by a remarkably thoughtful audience.

The jury in the case of WILSON, administrator, &c., *vs.* the Mayor of New-York, which has been on trial for several days in the Common Pleas, Part I, rendered a verdict yesterday against the city for $1,200.

The trial of GONZALES, for the murder of the Cuban, OTERO, was begun yesterday before Judge GILBERT, of the Kings County Supreme Court. The whole day was spent in securing twelve men who would confess themselves able to render a verdict according to the evidence; no one wanted to serve. The case will be continued to-day at 10 A. M.

The Brooklyn police report that there are 2,160 retail liquor-stores in that city. Of these only one-third are licensed.

We are indebted to the Purser of the steamer *Ariel* for late New-Orleans papers.

Gold opened yesterday at 139¼, and closed at 139⅝, as on Saturday. Stocks were more active; Governments buoyant; Railways unsettled. Money quite dull at 4@5 ₱ cent. on call. Produce and merchandise were in more request at irregular figures. Moderate freight engagements were reported, including 1,000 bales cotton for Liverpool.

The Free Negroes and the Naturalization Laws.

There are certain advocates of negro suffrage who profess to be willing, under certain conditions, to see the Southern States restored to their true position in the Union without requiring them to assent to a general enfranchisement of the negro population. Thus, a city journal, published mainly in the interest of the blacks, says: "Only render it certain that an honest, industrious, thrifty, intelligent negro shall not be proscribed merely because of his color or race, and we will agree to almost anything." If the journal from which we quote—speaking, as it is presumed to do, for a very considerable radical party—is sincere in proposing a compromise, there ought to be little difficulty in coming to terms. All that our cotemporary professes to ask for his special clients is provided for in the Naturalization Bill now before Congress. As far as Congress has the power of enfranchisement, that bill gives to the native-born negro the same privileges of citizenship as if he were white instead of black. It proposes to amend whatever Congressional acts of naturalization now exist wherein the distinction of race or color is drawn between the two classes of our population. Wherever the explanatory term "a free white person" occurs in any of these statutes, this bill provides that such term shall be stricken out. So that hereafter *all persons born, or to be born, within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States*, are declared citizens, and entitled to all rights and privileges as such.

This is the broad ground on which conservative men believe that the advocates of negro enfranchisement may meet. It is safe ground, because it is constitutional; it is liberal ground, inasmuch as it forever abolishes that arbitrary distinction in our naturalization laws founded upon color; and it is fair compromise ground between the great popular party represented by the President and the party of centralization. If there be any half-way meeting-ground between the two parties, it ought to be found in these proposed amendments to the naturalization laws.

Those who desire to go further and provide special enactments for the government of every parish district in the South, overlook the fact that the same authority enacting a municipal system for the South would be compelled to establish local executors to carry it into practice. The details of State and county legislation for every portion of the late Confederacy might possibly be arranged as well in Washington as in the special localities concerned. But if even the barest semblance of State government is to continue to exist, the local authorities would have in the end to be trusted to give the laws effect. It is not difficult to understand how such laws would be executed, or rather how they would fail utterly of being executed, unless at the point of Federal bayonets.

The duty which Congress and the National Executive owes to the emancipated slaves is a duty entirely compatible with the full and speedy remission of every question of local concern, including that of negro suffrage, to the States that have been temporarily alienated. In such a provision for the recognition of the citizenship of the native-born blacks as is offered in the Naturalization Bill, the freedman will have thrown over him the same protection that any white citizen can lay claim to either at home or abroad. He will have an equal standing with the latter before our National Legislature and the National Executive. And with this vantage ground he is left to work his way out of whatever temporary political disabilities the existing laws of his State may impose upon him. The assurance of national protection and national recognition which the black citizen thus acquires on the one hand, and the tutelage which on the other hand he undergoes while working his way by industry and intelligence toward local enfranchisement, ought to be alike advantageous to himself and to the whole community. He is at once assured that he has certain inalienable rights as a citizen of the republic, and encouraged to labor and to self-improvement, which will hasten the day of his participation in the rights and duties which belong to the possession of the suffrage. If any fairer ground of compromise is likely to be found on the subject of early reconstruction, we have not heard of it.

That New Broadway.

Nothing could more completely illustrate the utter helplessness of the taxpayers of this city against any raid that organized self-interest may make upon them than the proceedings (reported in another column) of the meeting held yesterday to oppose, or at least to look into, the plan for the widening of Ann-street, the destruction of the block between William and Gold, and the tearing down of the United States Hotel. There met on this occasion a crowd of men who seemed to know little of the law and less of its executors; who had as many opinions as they had heads about the rights and duties of the antagonistic parties; who had no more comprehension or apprehension of their proper course than the most fickle mind that ever tormented mariner.

Judge HILTON, however, seemed to appreciate the situation. He said the corporation could widen, alter or extend *any* street on their mere motion, and the only resource in the way of opposition left to the men whose houses were to be torn down or assessed, was *after* the assessment for a job forced upon them without notice and against their will.

Now, what is the upshot of this public meeting? In general terms it is about this: Half-a-dozen conflicting schemes of opposition, insane, idiotic, incomprehensible, inchoate, impracticable, unreasonable, unseasonable and mildly sensible. The general result seems to be that the Common Council may open streets at will, asking no permission and observing no forms; but, after the Supreme Court has appointed Commissioners, and they have assessed and made out their extravagant bills for surveying, assessing and advertising, *then* the tax-payer may come in and protest. Very well. Does his protest save all this assessing, surveying, &c.? Not a bit of it. That much, at least, is secure; and by hook or crook, the outrageous bills will be paid in spite of protest.

One of the old jokers who attended this meeting brought his pocket-slate, and while the opposed three-fourths of the property-owners were exhausting their steam, this old joker jotted down certain speculations, by which he insinuated (of course he was a wicked libeler) that it was barely possible that when four or five corporations, worth a million each, had set their hearts upon such a project, and only half-a-dozen small property owners stood in the way, these rich corporations would "convince" some of these few property-holders that they were right. Of course this is a base slander, for no enterprising public citizen or corporation undertaking a job of five millions expense to the people would possibly take a step not sanctioned by the most careful regard for the interest of the men who are to bleed. Individual and corporate virtue indignantly forbid the supposition. Yet we hardly know what to make of yesterday's meeting; it is a sort of "blow hot, blow cold," which cost a certain fabulous giant his precious life. Is our great giant, the people, so helpless before its Common Council Railway Jack?

Our Sanitary Condition—The Reforms under the Health Bill.

In the brief analysis which we gave recently of the new Health Bill, it could be seen that extended powers are to be conferred on the new board—though no greater than those enjoyed by the present (mis-called) "Board of Health," and no more than are necessary for the public welfare. The cumbrous constitution of the present sanitary authorities would alone prevent their ever being effective—there being no less than three different bodies, drawing salaries for their sanitary labors, each independent of the other, and each conflicting with the other. We refer to the "Board of Health," the "Commissioners of Health," and the "City Inspector's Department."

The first, being composed of the Mayor and *any* ten members of the Common Council, and having almost unlimited opportunity for plundering the city and giving out jobs, and no one having power to adjourn them, have not been called together by the Mayors for four or five years, and though cholera is at the door, our authorities consider that a less evil than the meeting of this Health Board. The members, however, it should be remarked, have regularly drawn their salaries in this interval.

The constitution and the *personnel* of the other boards render them ineffective and useless in sanitary matters. They commonly act in a cumbrous way, if they want to act (which is seldom). Two-thirds of the "Health Wardens" are keepers of low groggeries and mere ward politicians. What can they know and what do they care about sanitary science or the practical care of the public health? The whole present sanitary administration of New-York is merely a means of giving places to petty politicians and of contriving enormous "jobs," whereby the city is fleeced. With the exception of one or two physicians, there is not a man in the large corps of health officials, who knows the least about sanitary matters. There is neither science nor honesty in the administration. The poor sicken and die, the city becomes a disgrace among civilized cities for its neglect of the most common provisions to guard the health of the people, it is utterly unprepared for the cholera—all in order that a few miserable demagogues and party-hacks may make an idle living and pension their friends.

But even if the authorities were competent and were desirous of improving the public health and avoiding pestilence, and if their machinery was less cumbrous and awkward, there are still great defects in their legal powers, which will be obviated in this bill.

Under this act we do not see why the Commissioners could not at once order a filthy house to be cleansed, and make the expense of cleaning a lien, not only on the property, but on the rents of the tenants. The suit, too, need not be brought before the courts adjudicating on titles, (a frequent escape now for delinquent property-holders,) but before lower courts. If their inspectors discover such "lodging-houses" as we have recently seen described in the police report, they can close them. If a whole neighborhood is poisoned by some business which makes the quarter unhealthy and disagreeable, they can cause it to be stopped. If heaps of garbage be not removed by the contractors, and the public health is evidently about to suffer, they can order them to be taken away, and charge the expense on the house from which the refuse comes. If a block become full of pestilence and in too foul a condition to allow a restoration with the inhabitants remaining, they can close up the houses, turn away the tenants, and have them thoroughly purified. If a new tenant-house be built without regard to ventilation, they can instruct and compel the owners to improve it and make such provisions as will provide his tenants with pure air. So also with the noxious gases, escaping from sewers into houses; they can enforce here a proper ventilation of sewers, and thus drive away many of the stimulants of disease. If, also, they discover persons selling poisonous and adulterated food, or drugs or medicine, they can at once stop this nefarious traffic. All the nuisances about our markets, the poisonous matter on our docks and the abominable cesspools (sources of fever and pestilence,) can be in time removed by this most beneficial act.

When one thinks how invaluable, and especially to the poor of this city, in view of the threatened cholera, this legislation will be, how many children of the laboring classes it will save, how many of the diseases of the poor it will drive away, what increased vigor and health, what lengthened life it will confer on the lower classes, how much more comfortable and happy it will make them; and yet that it is these very classes who will through their unprincipled leaders, most oppose it, and strive to weaken it and perhaps defeat it by bribery, it is certainly a most melancholy reflection. The most beneficent reform of the age for the laboring classes of New-York, will be most and only opposed by the leaders of these laborers! Even the Mayor of this city (a gentleman of character and talent), representing the Democratic party here, has not a word of encouragement to give to this Sanitary Bill, but, on the contrary, intimates that he will oppose any improvement in this regard which shall come from the Legislature, and not from his ignorant constituents! We have faith, however, that many good Democrats will in private favor this bill, and lend it their influence.

A party which comes finally to be known as always opposing every reasonable scheme for human improvement and progress, will at length sink beneath contempt, and become as powerless in local administration as it now is in national.

We do not suppose that the new Commission of Health will seek *at once* to carry out all the beneficent reforms included under this act. They will begin. They will make the first steps. They will have the power, and gradually and wisely would use it. We trust no chicanery or corruption will deprive them of the opportunity.

The Luxuries of Locomotion—Strangers and our City Conveyances.

There is before the Legislature of this State a bill giving power to undermine Broadway for the purpose of creating an underground railway, and another to carry a railroad, by a light viaduct, above the street traffic. It seems to us that one aspect of these measures has not been brought into view, and that is, the influence of such undertakings upon the minds of foreigners and our foreign trade. New-York is at present preëminent in that trade, and is the point of arrival of most of the visitors connected with it. But there are other cities racing hard with us. New steamship lines between them and Europe are projected and being established with great speed, and we of this city shall have to look to it that we are not overtaken and outstripped.

Now, there can be no question that the general convenience and aspect of a city repel or attract foreigners according to their degree. The power of going from point to point with ease and safety becomes in this regard of great importance.

To a Londoner, or a Parisian, the difficulty of locomotion among us appears a something new and strange. Accustomed to be whirled rapidly across a city at a small cost of coin or comfort, he finds on arriving at the great Atlantic metropolis that he has the choice ot a very extortionate and often frowsy carriage, or a long box on wheels, closely packed with a struggling and perspiring crowd, happy if he can suspend himself by a strap, and thus perform a penance undertaken in other countries only by malefactors or gymnasts. Naturally he is disgusted. To "ride BAYARD ot ten toes" has ceased to be a pleasure, but he undertakes it, groaning in spirit as he wonders "why these New-Yorkers don't have an underground railroad, or a railroad over their dwellings." The chances are that he will abbreviate, and not repeat his visit to us. And somebody will have lost a customer.

We believe that the influence of mental associations upon the growth and prosperity of cities, as developed by their foreign trade, is not sufficiently understood by our countrymen. Very many circumstances, which to us may seem of small account, are really not so to others. We are not naturally blind to our opportunities—can we not see that an underground railroad, or a railroad elevated above the street traffic, is important to foreigners, and may for that reason be important to us?

"The Times' Defence of Mr. Seward."

The *World* says:

"'No, replied the phantom grim,
I loved my country, and I hated him.'

If the TIMES believed that a man for the purposes of place and power, in the gratification of a purely despotic nature, deliberately and with malice aforethought, with full and complete knowledge of the law, chose, after swearing to support a constitution a dozen times, to create for himself, from his own self-will, an arbitrary moral standard which regarded political perjury as no crime and political dishonesty as no shame, how would it regard such a man?

If in addition, he the false apostle of a false creed, led after him 'nearly half the heavenly hosts,' and more than any man in the Union was responsible for the blood and debt and miseries of the last four years, for the confiscation of property, both North and South, and for the possibility of a change in the governmental system of half a continent from liberty to despotism, how would it regard such a man?

Mr. SEWARD has earned the curses of men in the Union more than any human being who ever lived in it."

We have rarely met with accusations which so effectually answer and refute themselves. There is neither justness, fitness or applicability in these charges to Gov. SEWARD. Not the first reader, however astute, would guess that the *World* aimed at the Secretary of State. The allegation that Gov. SEWARD is "more than any many in the Union responsible for the blood, debt and miseries of the last four years," is nothing less than a "phantom grim." The extravagance of the *World's* hatred reminds one of the genius who did not

"Like Dr. Fell;
The reason why I cannot tell;
But this I know full well,
I do not like thee, Dr. Fell."

"Mr. SEWARD," says the *World*, "has earned the curses of men." How, pray? In living a life of high personal honor and purity; never during that life having injured or wronged a human being; but on the contrary, having labored devotedly to elevate and benefit the whole human family? Every act of his life, as a public man, has had an enlightened or beneficent purpose.

In holding Mr. SEWARD "responsible" for rebellion and war, the *World* turns things upside down—reads history backward, and betrays its own *status* in reference to the rebellion. This charge against Gov. SEWARD, emanating from the Richmond *Enquirer* or Charleston *Courier*, would, from their standpoint, have been intelligible, however unjust. If the *World* holds that those who defended the government and Union were wrong, while those who endeav

probably soon find, instead of winking at his violations of law, will only bring to bear upon him its severest penalties.

WHAT SHALL WE TAX?—A delegation of Northwestern distillers and whisky dealers are in Washington for the purpose of urging upon Congress the reduction of the tax upon whisky. There have been a hundred, if not a thousand, propositions before Congress, during its present session, for reducing or abolishing the taxes upon various articles. The last we have noticed was a proposition to abolish the tax upon *cruches*, and there was another to abolish all taxation upon the manufacture of *Bibles*. Now, it would be well, if it be expedient, to comply with the two last-mentioned requests. But if anything should be taxed, and well taxed, it is *whisky*. Every drop of liquor used in the country, wherever it comes from, should pay a severe penalty for its existence here. It is an established principle now, in the raising of revenues, to tax but a few articles, and these as far as possible articles of luxury, but to tax such articles heavily. Whisky comes under this head. Then, after it is well taxed, such penalties should be attached to smuggling as are now attached to counterfeiting.

American Items from Europe.

Prof. BRUNNOW, an American citizen by adoption, has been appointed Astronomer Royal for Ireland and Professor of Astronomy in Trinity College, Dublin, in place of Sir WM. HAMILTON, deceased. This appointment is one of the highest in the Astronomical world. It is the more honorable as it is probably the first instance of a foreigner receiving an appointment of this kind in the United Kingdom. Prof. BRUNNOW has been spending the Winter at Berlin with his father-in-law, Prof. H. P. TAPPAN. Prof. BRUNNOW was formerly connected with the Dudley University and lately Director of the Observatory of the Michigan State University. He is probably one of the best of our living astronomers.

Prof. HENRY, of Newburgh, N. Y., being on a visit to Paris, called on the philosopher, VICTOR COUSIN. They had been corresponding for over thirty years past, but had never met before. Prof. HENRY translated COUSIN'S *Psycology*, which became a text-book in many of our colleges. The meeting is described as a very cordial one. He talked much of America and its universities, of our war, &c., &c. He complained that Prof. HENRY and Prof. HENRY P. TAPPAN, late Chancellor of the University of Michigan, should remain idle when they could, at the head of universities, do so much good. He said he had intended writing to America to ask that both these scholars should at once be placed at the head of scientific institutions. Both Prof. HENRY and Dr. TAPPAN were once connected with the New-York University. Dr. HENRY, on account of ill health, was compelled to resign, and Dr. TAPPAN was Chancellor of the University of Michigan, which he resigned on account of a difficulty with some of the Regents. The University lost by his resignation a ripe scholar. Dr. TAPPAN is a member of the Institute of France.

WINANS & BROTHERS, of Baltimore, have taken a very large contract with the Russian Government for building cars and locomotives. It will be remembered that they were the builders of the Moscow and St. Petersbugh Railroad.

Two young men, calling themselves sons of Ex-President TYLER, are at school at Carlsuhe, in the Duchy of Baden.

Mr. VON BEUST, Minister of Foreign Affairs for Saxony, gave a grand ball on the 12th of Dec., in honor of the King's birthday. Gen. MCCLELLAN was present with his mother-in-law, Mrs. MARCY, and, it is said, the General was the lion of the evening. The United States Consul, Mr. CAMPBELL, was also invited and was present.

Effect of the President's Message Abroad.

Extract of a private letter, dated

FRANKFORT-ON-THE-MAIN, Germany, Dec. 19, 1865.

The Message of President JOHNSON has been read with greater interest than any preceding document from Washington. Bankers, merchants, manufacturers, and diplomats and ministers at the Diet have been for days on the *qui vive* to see this important Message. Some timid men were looking for a war-like, threatening document, which would embroil us at once in a war with England and France.

On the arrival of the American mails, several of the editors of the leading papers were at once at my office for a copy. It so happened that the steamer which brought this Message was a Boston one, and the NEW-YORK TIMES, usually ahead here in news, did not have it, but a stray copy of the Boston *Advocate*, sent me by a friend, of date of Dec. 6, contained it. The editor of the New-Frankfort *Zeitung* (a paper which has always been in our interest) intended translating that long Message into German, and publishing it *entire* by 10 A. M. the next day, though he only got it from me about 8 P. M. I think such an event has never been known here as to publish the Message in *full*. The peaceable and conciliatory tone of the Message had a good effect on the Bourse, and our stocks went up to about 70, which is fully 2 per cent. above New-York. The operations in them continue large, and everybody who can spare a hundred florins or so buys a United States bond. Small bonds, of the denomination of $50 or $100, are on this account somewhat higher than large bonds—generally at least half per cent. higher. People generally holding Austrian stocks are selling out and buying American. The transactions at the Bourse here are larger in our stocks than in those of any other country.

NEW-YORK LEGISLATURE.

OUR ALBANY LETTER.

The Work in the Legislature.

ALBANY, Saturday, Jan. 13.

Both Houses have adjourned till Monday. The business of the week may be very briefly summed up. Some half dozen bills of local interest have been passed, as many more have been advanced to a third reading, and a large number have been noticed or introduced. Standing committees will get to work next week, after which business will proceed more lively. It is said the Committee on Cities, of which Mr. BRANDRETH is Chairman, will make short work of the Metropolitan Health Bill. Two members of the committee—Messrs. BRANDRETH and PITTS—were leading advocates of the bill at the last session, and a majority of the committee are known friends of the measure. It is predicted that the bill will be reported to the House next week, when it will shortly come up in Committee of the Whole, and lead to exciting scenes. Nothing has occurred to change my previously expressed opinion that the Health Bill will pass the House. The Senate Committee on Municipal Affairs have the same measure under advisement, and will hear parties on both sides on Tuesday next.

The *Tribune* correspondent, it appears, has been making some strictures on the conduct of Mr. KIMBALL, of Franklin, one of the Union members who last Winter betrayed the Health Bill, whereupon Mr. KIMBALL to-day attempted to extinguish said correspondent by offering a resolution directing the Clerk to obtain two hundred copies of the *Tribune* for circulation among the St. Regis Indians, the Albany correspondent to distribute the same. The members did not appreciate the wit of this resolution, and quietly laid it on the table. As an example of bad taste, ill humor and offended dignity, it made some comment, not particularly creditable to the mover.

A strong lobby will be here this Winter from Northern New-York, asking for appropriations to enlarge the Champlain Canal, so as to furnish facilities for transportation for a lively commerce with Canada, by way of the St. Lawrence and Lake Champlain, which friends of the project are sanguine would at once spring up on the completion of the work. Another project is to improve the Hudson River from Troy to Fort Edward, so as to render slack-water navigation practicable. Mr. BARCLAY, of Washington, has already introduced a bill authorizing and directing the State Engineer and Surveyor to make a survey and estimate of the expense of improving the river, and also a survey and estimate of the proposed enlargement of the Champlain Canal from tide-water at Troy to Whitehall. The bill proposes an estimate for locks two hundred and twenty-five feet long and twenty-five feet wide. This project will be very strenuously urged by a part of the State which contends that its natural facilities have not been developed equal to other localities.

Constituents of members who have been in the habit of receiving legislative documents must expect to be unsupplied this year. In carrying out the notions of economy in this respect which have been manifested on the floor, the Committee on Public Printing uniformly report adversely to any proposition to furnish documents for members. Even a resolution to print the Governor's message in German was to-day voted down in the Assembly.

Friends of the Broadway Underground Railroad are just now in considerable perturbation over the fact that the Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct Board is expected to make a report that the work cannot be accomplished without ruin to the water-pipes. The underground men declare that the water-pipes must get out of the way, and that the great project shall not be defeated by any such fire in the rear. We shall see.

PERSIMMON.

SENATE.

ALBANY, Monday, Jan. 15.

NOTICES.

By Mr. E. CORNELL—To confirm certain proceedings of the Directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

By Mr. BENNETT—To increase the salary of JOHN MCMANUS, an Assessor in Buffalo.

By Mr. PARSONS—To abolish all laws relative to the present canal contract system.

By Mr. PLATT—For a railroad from Plattsburgh south, on the west side of Lake Champlain.

By Mr. SESSIONS—To amend the assessment laws relative to non-residents.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. LARAU—To extend the time for the construction of the Southside Railroad.

By Mr. PIERSON—For the care of idle and truant children in Brooklyn.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. PARSONS—Calling upon the State Engineer to report the names of all persons holding repair contracts on the State canals, the date of the commencement and time when such contracts shall expire. Adopted.

BILLS ORDERED TO THIRD READING.

To authorize the City of Rochester to purchase grounds for an armory. Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

The Speaker announced the following Committee on Joint Rules:

Messrs. Littlejohn, Selden, Cochrane, Palmer and Maurice.

NOTICES.

By Mr. SHERMAN—For State aid to the Albany and Susquehannah Railroad.

By Mr. CALKINS—To incorporate the Oneida Savings Bank.

By Mr. SELDEN—To confirm certain actions of the Directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

By Mr. G. GRAHAM—To amend the general Manufacturing Law.

BILLS PASSED.

To provide for a new academy building in Utica.

Authorizing the City of Oswego to borrow money to fund a certain debt.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. WEED—Relative to the manufacture of iron in the Clinton Prison.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. J. L. PARKER—That the New-York City tax levy shall be reported by March 18 and printed immediately thereafter, and made the special order for April 1 or some day prior thereto, immediately after the reading of the journal. Referred to the Committee on Joint Rules.

Adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Court of Appeals.

ALBANY, Monday, Jan. 15.

The following is the Day Calendar in the Court of Appeals for Tuesday, Jan. 16: Nos. 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 44, 103, 104, 104½ and 92.

NEW-ORLEANS.

European Steamship Lines—A New Telegraph Invention—Capt. Coleman Sent out of the Country—Extortions of the City Gas Company—Petroleum to be used.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, Jan. 13.

The Liverpool and New-Orleans Steamship Line are building new vessels, to make trips in eighteen days.

The agent of the French TransAtlantic Steamship Company is here, and has obtained ample wharfage facilities to connect New-Orleans with St. Nazaire.

The *Picayune* notices very approvingly the tests of Dr. EVERETT, of this city, of a new telegraph he has invented. No electricity is used, no insulators, no batteries or chemicals, and no poles. The apparatus is very simple indeed and its working very easy. The alphabet is based on scientific principles and is easily learned.

Capt. COLEMAN, late of the Confederate army, a grandson of late Hon. JOHN J. CRITTENDEN, and a nephew of Gen. PILLOW, left here to-day for Havana, having been tried by a military commission and banished for some act of steamboat burning while he was under Gen. FORREST's command.

Owing to the extortionate demands of the New-Orleans Gas Company for lighting the streets of the city, the Mayor has authorized a call to be made for proposals to the 1st of March to light the streets with the best quality of petroleum, and to furnish 3,000 lamps.

Arrived steamer *Alabama* from Liverpool.

Sailed steamships *Carolina* for Liverpool, and *Neshannock* and *Costa Rica* for New-York.

A large fire at Talladega, Ala., had destroyed $75,000 worth of property.

TEXAS.

Heavy Loss of Cotton—Mutiny of the Third Michigan Cavalry.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, Jan. 13.

Four car loads of cotton were burned on the Texas Central Railroad while en route to Houston. The loss was $30,000.

The Third Michigan Cavalry have been disarmed at San Antonio, Texas, for mutiny.

A National Bank has been organized at Galveston.

CINCINNATI.

An Affair of Love, Deception and Mysterious Disappearance.

CINCINNATI, Friday, Jan. 12.

An affair of love, betrothal, deception, sequestration of property and mysterious disappearance has just come to light. Dr. J. MCCHRISTIE, late Assistant Surgeon of the Ninth Indiana Cavalry, was engaged to a widow lady in Liberty, Ind., and pending the marriage she intrusted considerable funds with him. The day before the expected marriage the doctor was missing. The second day afterward a letter was received from a stranger in Kentucky, inclosing a pocket memorandum of the doctor's, and saying that he had been found dead with a bullet through his body. The letter was sent by the United States Express from this city, and on being shown to the betrothed she recognized the handwriting of her faithless lover. At once she determined to find him, and, arriving in the city, got her suspicions confirmed at the express office, the clerk remembering the appearance of the man who left the package, and recognizing him by a photograph presented by the lady. The officers have been placed on the track of the fellow.

FROM BALTIMORE.

Exciting Election—A Snow Storm—A Methodist Anniversary.

BALTIMORE, Monday, Jan. 15.

Quite an exciting election was held to-day by the Corn and Flour Exchange for a Board of Directors. The regular ticket, composed exclusively of Union men, was defeated, and the opposition ticket, made up of gentlemen of opposite sympathies, was elected by a large majority.

A snow-storm with a cold northeast wind prevailing since 3 o'clock, continues, and promises to be very severe.

The Maryland Institute was crowded this afternoon by a vast audience to attend the anniversary exercises of the Methodist Missionary Society. There was an immense gathering of Sunday-school children, and vast numbers were unable to gain admittance.

Fire at Binghamton—Destruction of a Valuable Building—List of Losses.

ALBANY, Monday, Jan. 15.

On Sunday morning at 4 o'clock a fire was discovered in the liquor-store of JOHN MCNAMARA, on the east side of Commercial-avenue, Binghamton, N. Y. Before the flames were checked the entire building, in which was three stores, was totally destroyed. The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary. The room of C. STUART in the building was robbed before the fire was kindled. The building was owned by CYRUS STRONG, whose loss is $8,000. Insured.

The following are also losers: JOHN MCNAMARA, liquors, $2,500; insured $1,500. DOUBLEDAY & CRAFT, flour dealers, $1,000; fully insured. SOUTHWELL & MAYO, provisions and wrapping paper, $4,000; insured $1,000. CHARLES STUART, gunsmith, $500; fully insured. The Binghamton Brass Band had a room in the building, and lost all their instruments. No insurance.

News from San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, Jan. 15.

The *Moses Taylor*, of the Nicaragua line, arrived with passengers, &c.

The Mexican Consul has received official communication from JUAREZ, dated Chihuahua, Dec. 1. JUAREZ appears to be in the best of spirits, and says all the efforts of the Imperialists to capture the Executive of the republic will prove fruitless. In due time, he says, the government will be transferred to another place.

THE LOSS OF THE SHIP GRATITUDE.

Meeting of Boston Merchants in Honor of Capt. Burke—A Suitable Testimonial to be Presented to Him for his Gallant Conduct.

BOSTON, Monday, Jan. 15.

A large meeting of merchants and others was held at the Merchant's Exchange, at noon, to-day, to take some suitable action in regard to the gallant conduct of Capt. BURKE in saving the crew and passengers of the ship *Gratitude*.

GEORGE B. UPTON presided, and the meeting was addressed by Mr. GRAY and others, all paying an eloquent tribute to the noble and humane conduct of Capt. BURKE.

A committee was appointed to obtain funds for a suitable testimonial to be presented to the gallant Captain, and also collect money for the relief of the emigrants saved through his exertions. In the meantime they have been bountifully supplied with every necessary comfort by the city authorities and private citizens.

Marine Disasters and Loss of Life.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Monday, Jan. 15.

The brig *Neva*, of Machias, Me., TALBOT, master, from New-York, bound to Jacksonville, Fla., was wrecked on the South Breaker of St. John's Bar on the 8th inst. Miss WALL and a child, passengers, the Captain, first mate, pilot and two seamen were lost. The brig now lies on the beach twelve miles south of the bar.

The steamer *Asher Ayres* was burned in the Ocmulgee River on the 9th inst. She was loaded with 1,028 bales of cotton. Six negroes were drowned.

The steamer *James G. Christopher*, laden with 222 bales of cotton, was burned on the Savannah River on the 13th.

The steamer *North Point*, from Baltimore, arrived yesterday. She was detained several days by heavy weather.

BOSTON, Monday, Jan. 15.

The schooner *Kate Anthony*, Capt. JACOBS, from Provincetown, *et* and for Portland, dragged ashore this morning on Rocky Neck, near Gloucester, and is badly damaged, having bilged. There is no insurance.

The schooner *Frank Herbert*, Capt. CHAISE, from Philadelphia for Boston, anchored off South Yarmouth, Mass., with loss of deck load of oil and tar, sails, boat, &c., having been driven off to the Gulf stream during the late gale.

Burning of the Steamboat James Christopher.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Monday, Jan. 15.

The steamboat *James Christopher*, with 250 bales of cotton, was burned 100 miles from Savannah, Ga., on Saturday.

Heavy Shipments of Cotton—Mobile and Ohio Railroad Open.

CAIRO, Sunday, Jan. 14.

Twelve hundred and seventy bales of cotton passed here yesterday and to-day for Cincinnati.

The Mobile and Ohio Railroad have commenced running daily trains. The time to Mobile is 36 hours.

From St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Monday, Jan. 15.

The estimated loss of steamboats, ferry-boats, wharf-boats, canal-boats, barges, ferry-docks, &c., in this harbor since the first movement of ice is $800,000; the insurance will probably be about half that amount. The ice is still running, but navigation is partly resumed with the South.

From Nashville, &c.

NASHVILLE, Monday, Jan. 15.

There has been a heavy rain all day; the river is rising.

Cotton firmer; prices range from 39c.@42c. for middling; receipts and shipments light. Corn has advanced to 90c.; market firm. The oil excitement is on the increase here; a great yield is expected from the oil regions near Burkesville.

Railroad Accident near Syracuse—No Lives Lost.

STRACUSE, Monday, Jan. 15.

The New-York Express train west ran off the track four miles east of this city about 6 o'clock this evening. Three cars off. No person hurt. The train was delayed an hour and a half. Cause—a broken rail.

Fire at Oswego, N. Y.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Monday, Jan. 15.

The residence of J. B. EDWARDS, Esq., in this city, was totally destroyed by fire last night. Loss from $8,000 to $10,000. It was insured.

Death of an Old Printer.

BOSTON, Monday, Jan. 15.

THOMAS J. LILLIE, an old and highly esteemed printer, and for many years Treasurer of the Franklin Typographical Society, died this morning.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Return of Miss Bateman.

Niblo's Garden was crowded last night with an audience such as has seldom gathered in any theatre in New-York. The seats, the lobbies, the stairways, every standing place were full to overflowing.

The immense audience was composed of the very *élite* of New-York, the ladies and gentlemen of the metropolis who appear only upon very special occasions. It is too late an hour to comment at much length upon the event. We have only time to say that the lovely girl who left us three years ago returns matured and improved; that she has grown in classic and statuesque beauty, and presents one of the most splendid pictures ever seen upon any stage. Her appearance was hailed with a storm of applause that might have thrilled the heart of SIDDONS in her zenith of triumph. Her fair, sweet, classic face was as welcome as Summer-sunshine; and the grand greeting of three thousand friends had not only an artistic but a personal significance. It seemed as if every one of the vast audience had an immediate interest in the heroine, and had made her encouragement and advancement the object of the hour.

The play, considerably altered, was on the whole well done, but a few of the parts were badly damaged. Miss BATEMAN has grown somewhat mature and grave, but retains that singularly crisp and rapid style of speaking that does not help to a clear apprehension of her text. She has acquired much softness and grace, and is by no means so angular and startlingly abrupt as when she left us. It is unnecessary to say that she has *power* almost unlimited; her force is of that electric and thrilling kind which waits on genius.

Having seen but a portion of the drama, we cannot speak decisively of the other characters. But we recognized Miss PERRY as doing exceedingly well, lacking emotion a little, but playing her part very creditably. Of Mr. COWPER, the gentleman cast for *Rudolph*, we can only say that for the first three acts he did not impress us favorably; he seemed heavy and even lugubrious. It is possible that he subsequently redeemed himself, but we must see before believing. *Nathan* was exceedingly well played, and so we may say of the *Old Magistrate* by Mr. BURNETT, and the *Priest* also.

At her first appearance, in the first act, Miss BATEMAN was the recipient of such applause as we never heard save in the extraordinary case of Mr. BOOTH at the Winter Garden.

We have said that the audience was eminently intellectual and fashionable, and when such audiences indulge in shouts and wavings of handkerchiefs and the warmest evidences of congratulations, we may be sure the occasion is great and most worthy. No actress more nobly adorns the American stage; no actress has ever met a more noble welcome.

WOOD'S THEATRE.—This bright little establishment opened last evening, and a few minutes after opening was crowded to its greatest capacity. Mr. DE WALDEN'S play of the "Balloon Wedding" was given, and ended in a brilliant display of fireworks. The HANDON BROTHERS appeared in a series of acts wherein they were interesting as well as dexterous. We shall take another opportunity of speaking of the play and the players.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Mlle. PAREPA'S grand oratorio performance at this establishment tonight merits the attention of every one interested in sacred music. She sings, among other pieces, the sublime aria of "I know that my Redeemer liveth"—a piece which in a great measure made the success of JENNY LIND in this country, and which, cotemporary criticism says, Mlle. PAREPA sings as well as that lady. Mr. S. C. CAMPBELL, Mr. J. LEVY, Herr CARL ROSA, and a grand orchestra under Herr CARL ANSCHUTZ also take part in this interesting entertainment.

IRVING HALL.—Mr. THEODORE THOMAS gave his third symphonic soirée on Saturday evening, and we were glad to notice a full attendance on the occasion. The programme was more than usually interesting. It opened with BARGIEL'S Symphony in C, opus 30—a work of which a great deal has been written. It is more remarkable for cumbersomeness than color; treatment than idea; length than breadth. Without being in any way obscure—except rhythmically—it is in the highest degree uninstructive. There are plenty of quartettes for stringed instruments as good as the symphony, and indeed we have often wondered that some ingenious but unscrupulous composer has not warmed up HAYDN, MOZART and BEETHOVEN with extra orchestration. Mr. BARGIEL'S production is simply an overgrown quartette. The stringed instruments have it almost exclusively to themselves, and not a thought is uttered which could not adequately be expressed on four fiddles.

The symphony was the principal, and indeed the only important orchestral work in the programme; for MENDELSOHN'S overture to "Melusine," although highly agreeable, can hardly be considered a novelty, and BEETHOVEN'S choral fantasia depends mostly on the piano and the voice. Mr. CARL WOLFSOHN played the solo in the last-named work with great clearness and effect. He was admirably supported by the orchestra, which, we are glad to say, gave the work without the abbreviations which are too frequently made. The quaintness of the variations—necessarily a little old-fashioned—is thoroughly delightful, and their melodiousness makes them and the other portions of the fantasie acceptable to all ears. Mr. WOLFSOHN is a pianist to fine taste, who has a large eclectic love of music apart from any consideration of its mere difficulty. He is one of the few who prefers to interpret an author rather than himself. The mere experts in technical difficulties underrate the choral fantasie because it requires something more than they can bring to its just interpretation; something more in fact than the high-pressure school of the day either cultivates or commands. We are thankful to Mr. WOLFSOHN that he has restored a charming work to its proper place, and hope that the fantasie has not been heard for the last time this season. Mr. WOLFSOHN'S other *solo* was CHOPIN'S Fantasia in F minor (opus 49), the slow movement and *sostenuto* passages of which he played superbly.

In BEETHOVEN'S piece the chorus was sung rather indifferently by the Liederkranz Society, the members of which also gave a Volkslied with effect. The latter was encored, and a better known and better sung piece was rendered in its place.

Mlle. PAREPA was the vocal "star," and her warmest and most enthusiastic admirers must have been gratified with her success—gratified because her audience was a critical one, and the *cantatrice's* efforts were worthy of all praise. The scena and aria, "Ah! Perfido," by BEETHOVEN, she never been given better in this country. The largeness of the style, the certainty or the method and the grandeur of the voice, were all demonstrated by Mlle. PAREPA in this admirable *morceau*. Susanna's aria, "If guiltless blood be your intent," was also rendered with superb breadth of color and fullness of effect. Mlle. PAREPA has never been heard to such advantage as at this concert. It is evidently unnecessary to confine her to trashy ballads and silly little show pieces.

THE NEW BROADWAY SCHEME.

Influential Meeting of Interested Property Holders—Discussion as to the Way of Checkmating the Common Council—The Sixth, Eighth and Ninth Avenue Railroads and Brooklyn Folk to Reap the Advantage of the Proposed Widening—Opposition to the Plan, and an Organized Effort to Defeat it.

In accordance with the following call, a large number of property owners and others, interested in the proposed widening of Ann and Fulton streets, met at Power's Hotel, in Park-place, yesterday afternoon. Among them were Messrs. MCKISSON and ROBBINS, Judge HILTON, Mr. WINDUST, Mr. F. ENDICOTT, Mr. H. BLYDENBURGH, Mr. J. W. OLIVER, Mr. E. F. BARRY, Mr. A. L. SHIPMAN, Mr. W. C. NELSON, Mr. F. J. BETTS, Judge FOOTE, Mr. DEMAS S. BARNES, Mr. DALY and Mr. J. S. SCHULTZ.

The following is a copy of the call:

The owners and lessees of property, interested in the widening of Ann and Fulton streets, are informed that an act was passed through the Board of Aldermen and Councilmen with railroad speed to widen the above streets, and approved by the late Mayor, within twenty minutes after its passage, notwithstanding a remonstrance signed by more than three-fourths of the property-holders on said streets. Even the customary privilege of referring the remonstrance to the Committee on Streets was denied. Owners, lessees, and others interested in the widening of said streets, are requested to attend a public meeting at Power's Hotel, Park-row, opposite the Astor House, on Monday next, Jan. 15, at 3 o'clock P. M., to take such action as may be necessary to stay proceedings, and prevent the owners of property from being taxed from three to five million of dollars in addition to the present heavy city and government taxes. Parties interested, who have not already signed the remonstrance, can do so by calling on Mr. FOWLER, No. 96 Nassau-street.

The call having been read by Mr. J. W. OLIVER, on motion Mr. H. BLYDENBURGH was called to the chair, and Messrs. J. W. OLIVER and ASA L. SHIPMAN were appointed Secretaries.

Mr. F. J. BETTS, agent for the Holbrook estate, wished to know whether any gentlemen present could inform the meeting what was the proper course to pursue in the matter.

Mr. DALY, a lawyer, said according to the law any tax-payer could appear before the court when application was made for the appointment of Commissioners, which would be on the 27th instant, and should any defect exist in the resolution of the Common Council for the widening of the streets, or any legal informality whatever, the proceedings would be checked. He was assured that defects of a legal and technical character did exist.

Several gentlemen wished him to name them.

Mr. DALY said it was unnecessary to do so then.

Mr. F. J. BETTS said it was most important to know whether these defects were of a character that would enable them to set the proceedings aside. He was a lawyer, and the agent for a very large estate (the Holbrook estate) and he would like to know whether it was worth his while to spend a large sum of money in endeavoring to put a stop to the proposed measure.

Judge HILTON said the question must be met legally. The corporation could, undoubtedly, alter or widen or extend any street. It was merely a matter of discretion with them. The application for the appointment of Commissioners would come before Judge SUTHERLAND, a fair-dealing man, who would, doubtless, see justice done. These commissioners were appointed, one by the court, one by the Common Council and one by the property owners. They made their assessments and then the property owners appeared before them and handed in their objections. On the reception of the commissioners' report, if the majority of the property owners object to it, an end was put to the whole matter. He would move that a committee of fifteen be appointed by the chairman to take the whole matter in charge, and they could, if necessary, appoint sub-committees.

Mr. DALY said if the gentleman was correct property owners could object *ab initio*. He did not think this was a proper interpretation of the law, but if it was, then the plan was to enter a protest at once. It would seem useless to object after the street was opened.

Mr. GEORGE SICKLES said that was the statute of 1839. Three-fourths of the property owners on the line of the street can arrest proceedings.

Judge FOOTE said the law of 1839 is still in force. It is to be presumed that the proceeding in regard to the widening of the two streets are so far correct. In regard to the appointment of commissioners he understood that the corporation proposes three names, the property owners three, and that the court selects from these and also appoints one name of its own. After the assessments are made, if a majority of the persons interested in the matter object to it, then the court must quash it. Hence the time for effective action was after the report was made. These, said Judge FOOTE, are our rights, you can determine for yourselves what they are worth. He had, he said, seen Mr. RICHARD O'GORMAN, the Counsel to the Corporation, and he appeared determined to give them all their rights.

A VOICE—He'll do it.

Judge FOOTE hoped he would. He said the parties principally to be benefited by the proposed alterations are the Sixth, Eighth and Ninth avenues, railroad companies. They would strike across Broadway and go down to Fulton Ferry. These corporations would wait until the assessment rolls were nearly completed and would then buy over those who object to them. If, for instance, said Judge FOOTE, my friend HILTON, who owns two houses in Ann-street, should be offered $5,000 over and above their value, probably he would withdraw all objections. [Laughter.]

Mr. BETTS wished to know whether if the matter was quashed by the courts, there was not an end of the matter entirely.

Judge FOOTE said yes. He said also, that every person interested in the alterations may come forward and file his particular objections, and the commissioners must review each case. The objections, however, must be filed within 90 days. He thought the Brooklyn people would be greatly benefitted by the widening of these two streets, and he suggested that an application should be made to the Legislature to assess the Brooklyn people for the improvements.

In answer to a question, Judge FOOTE said that leaseholders could also make objections to the proposed measure, as well as property-owners.

Mr. J. W. OLIVER offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That should New-Broadway be finally opened, as proposed, the improvement would not be complete without extending Park-row to Fulton-street, and that we will favor such an alteration.

Mr. COHEN said that Aldermen O'BRIEN and NORTON had stated to him that their votes to the resolution for the widening of Fulton and Ann streets had been given under a misapprehension, and that they would introduce a resolution to stay further proceedings.

Mr. BARNES also spoke in regard to the measure, after which the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The Common Council, at its closing session in December last, did act in great haste to widen Ann and Fulton streets, the resolution being first presented on the 26th and consummated on the 30th ult., and notwithstanding more than three-fourths of the property-owners on said streets had remonstrated against it—even the customary privilege of referring it to the Committee on Streets was denied them—therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that it is altogether unnecessary and inexpedient to widen said streets, as they are wide enough for all business done or likely to be done in them for many years; and further, that the cost of widening at this time would be much greater than the benefit likely to be derived, and very oppressive to adjoining property-holders, who have neither asked for nor desire such widening.

Resolved, That a Committee of Fifteen be appointed with power to collect subscriptions and employ counsel, &c.; with power to do all acts necessary to present the matter to the Legislature of the State and the Common Council of the city, and to adjourn from time to time. It is more remarkable for cumbersomeness than color; treatment than idea; length than breadth. Without being in any way obscure—except rhythmically—it is in the highest degree uninstructive. There are plenty of quartettes for stringed instruments as good as the symphony, and indeed we have often wondered that some ingenious but unscrupulous composer has not warmed up HAYDN, MOZART and BEETHOVEN with extra orchestration. Mr. BARGIEL'S production is simply an overgrown quartette. The stringed instruments have it almost exclusively to themselves, and not a thought is uttered which could not adequately be expressed on four fiddles.

The symphony was the principal, and indeed the only important orchestral work in the programme; for MENDELSOHN'S overture to "Melusine," although highly agreeable, can hardly be considered a novelty, and BEETHOVEN'S choral fantasia depends mostly on the piano and the voice. Mr. CARL WOLFSOHN played the solo in the last-named work with great clearness and effect. He was admirably supported by the orchestra, which, we are glad to say, gave the work without the abbreviations which are too frequently made. The quaintness of the variations—necessarily a little old-fashioned—is thoroughly delightful, and their melodiousness makes them and the other portions of the fantasie acceptable to all ears. Mr. WOLFSOHN is a pianist to fine taste, who has a large eclectic love of music apart from any consideration of its mere difficulty. He is one of the few who prefers to interpret an author rather than himself. The mere experts in technical difficulties underrate the choral fantasie because it requires something more than they can bring to its just interpretation; something more in fact than the high-pressure school of the day either cultivates or commands. We are thankful to Mr. WOLFSOHN that he has restored a charming work to its proper place, and hope that the fantasie has not been heard for the last time this season. Mr. WOLFSOHN'S other *solo* was CHOPIN'S Fantasia in F minor (opus 49), the slow movement and *sostenuto* passages of which he played superbly.

In BEETHOVEN'S piece the chorus was sung rather indifferently by the Liederkranz Society, the members of which also gave a Volkslied with effect. The latter was encored, and a better known and better sung piece was rendered in its place.

Mlle. PAREPA was the vocal "star," and her warmest and most enthusiastic admirers must have been gratified with her success—gratified because her audience was a critical one, and the *cantatrice's* efforts were worthy of all praise. The scena and aria, "Ah! Perfido," by BEETHOVEN, she never been given better in this country. The largeness of the style, the certainty or the method and the grandeur of the voice, were all demonstrated by Mlle. PAREPA in this admirable *morceau*. Susanna's aria, "If guiltless blood be your intent," was also rendered with superb breadth of color and fullness of effect. Mlle. PAREPA has never been heard to such advantage as at this concert. It is evidently unnecessary to confine her to trashy ballads and silly little show pieces.

THE NEW BROADWAY SCHEME.

Influential Meeting of Interested Property Holders—Discussion as to the Way of Checkmating the Common Council—The Sixth, Eighth and Ninth Avenue Railroads and Brooklyn Folk to Reap the Advantage of the Proposed Widening—Opposition to the Plan, and an Organized Effort to Defeat it.

In accordance with the following call, a large number of property owners and others, interested in the proposed widening of Ann and Fulton streets, met at Power's Hotel, in Park-place, yesterday afternoon. Among them were Messrs. MCKISSON and ROBBINS, Judge HILTON, Mr. WINDUST, Mr. F. ENDICOTT, Mr. H. BLYDENBURGH, Mr. J. W. OLIVER, Mr. E. F. BARRY, Mr. A. L. SHIPMAN, Mr. W. C. NELSON, Mr. F. J. BETTS, Judge FOOTE, Mr. DEMAS S. BARNES, Mr. DALY and Mr. J. S. SCHULTZ.

The following is a copy of the call:

The owners and lessees of property, interested in the widening of Ann and Fulton streets, are informed that an act was passed through the Board of Aldermen and Councilmen with railroad speed to widen the above streets, and approved by the late Mayor, within twenty minutes after its passage, notwithstanding a remonstrance signed by more than three-fourths of the property-holders on said streets. Even the customary privilege of referring the remonstrance to the Committee on Streets was denied. Owners, lessees, and others interested in the widening of said streets, are requested to attend a public meeting at Power's Hotel, Park-row, opposite the Astor House, on Monday next, Jan. 15, at 3 o'clock P. M., to take such action as may be necessary to stay proceedings, and prevent the owners of property from being taxed from three to five million of dollars in addition to the present heavy city and government taxes. Parties interested, who have not already signed the remonstrance, can do so by calling on Mr. FOWLER, No. 96 Nassau-street.

The call having been read by Mr. J. W. OLIVER, on motion Mr. H. BLYDENBURGH was called to the chair, and Messrs. J. W. OLIVER and ASA L. SHIPMAN were appointed Secretaries.

Mr. F. J. BETTS, agent for the Holbrook estate, wished to know whether any gentlemen present could inform the meeting what was the proper course to pursue in the matter.

Mr. DALY, a lawyer, said according to the law any tax-payer could appear before the court when application was made for the appointment of Commissioners, which would be on the 27th instant, and should any defect exist in the resolution of the Common Council for the widening of the streets, or any legal informality whatever, the proceedings would be checked. He was assured that defects of a legal and technical character did exist.

Several gentlemen wished him to name them.

Mr. DALY said it was unnecessary to do so then.

Mr. F. J. BETTS said it was most important to know whether these defects were of a character that would enable them to set the proceedings aside. He was a lawyer, and the agent for a very large estate (the Holbrook estate) and he would like to know whether it was worth his while to spend a large sum of money in endeavoring to put a stop to the proposed measure.

Judge HILTON said the question must be met legally. The corporation could, undoubtedly, alter or widen or extend any street. It was merely a matter of discretion with them. The application for the appointment of Commissioners would come before Judge SUTHERLAND, a fair-dealing man, who would, doubtless, see justice done. These commissioners were appointed, one by the court, one by the Common Council and one by the property owners. They made their assessments and then the property owners appeared before them and handed in their objections. On the reception of the commissioners' report, if the majority of the property owners object to it, an end was put to the whole matter. He would move that a committee of fifteen be appointed by the chairman to take the whole matter in charge, and they could, if necessary, appoint sub-committees.

Mr. DALY said if the gentleman was correct property owners could object *ab initio*. He did not think this was a proper interpretation of the law, but if it was, then the plan was to enter a protest at once. It would seem useless to object after the street was opened.

Mr. GEORGE SICKLES said that was the statute of 1839. Three-fourths of the property owners on the line of the street can arrest proceedings.

Judge FOOTE said the law of 1839 is still in force. It is to be presumed that the proceeding in regard to the widening of the two streets are so far correct. In regard to the appointment of commissioners he understood that the corporation proposes three names, the property owners three, and that the court selects from these and also appoints one name of its own. After the assessments are made, if a majority of the persons interested in the matter object to it, then the court must quash it. Hence the time for effective action was after the report was made. These, said Judge FOOTE, are our rights, you can determine for yourselves what they are worth. He had, he said, seen Mr. RICHARD O'GORMAN, the Counsel to the Corporation, and he appeared determined to give them all their rights.

A VOICE—He'll do it.

Judge FOOTE hoped he would. He said the parties principally to be benefited by the proposed alterations are the Sixth, Eighth and Ninth avenues, railroad companies. They would strike across Broadway and go down to Fulton Ferry. These corporations would wait until the assessment rolls were nearly completed and would then buy over those who object to them. If, for instance, said Judge FOOTE, my friend HILTON, who owns two houses in Ann-street, should be offered $5,000 over and above their value, probably he would withdraw all objections. [Laughter.]

Mr. BETTS wished to know whether if the matter was qu

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AT AN ELECTION HELD THIS DAY, the following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year, viz:

JOHN B. MACY,	WM. C. BARRETT,
GIDEON POTT,	JOHN TAPPIN,
REUBEN W. HOWES,	HENRY ANSTICE,
E. G. ROBASON,	SOLOMON JACOBS,
JOHN McKESSON,	HENRY DEMAREST,
FRANCIS BROWN,	WINFIELD S. HANFORD,
JOSIAH LOCKWOOD,	JAMES ROGERS,
FRANCIS TOMES, Jr.,	JOHN WILSON,
S. W. BELCHER,	P. KEMBLE PAULDING,
C. T. B. MAXWELL,	JUNIUS A. FULLER.
J. H. PINKNEY,	J. POND.
F. A. CONKLING.	

At a subsequent meeting of the board, JAMES H. PINKNEY was unanimously reelected President, and J. GREEN PEARSON Vice-President for the ensuing year.
W. E. CRARY, Secretary.

AT AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of the CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, held on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1866, the following-named gentlemen were duly elected directors for the ensuing year, viz:

ALFRED L. ROWE,	CHARLES J. SHEPARD,
WM. I. CONKLIN,	CHARLES SANDFORD,
GEORGE C. COLLINS,	JOHN H. SHERWOOD,
OLIVER M. COOPER,	ALFRED BRADLEY,
THOMAS DAVENPORT,	THOMAS WOODWARD,
JOHN B. DUNHAM,	SAMUEL R. PLATT,
BENJAMIN W. STRONG.	

And at a meeting of the board this day, NATHANIEL HAYDEN was unanimously reelected President, and JOSEPH M. COOPER Vice-President.
H. SCHEINER, Cashier.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1866.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Bank, held this day, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected Directors for the ensuing year:

V. STOUT,	N. T. PORTER,
JOSIAH OAKES,	W. W. WAKEMAN,
S. F. BEEKMAN,	F. J. CLARK,
A. C. KEWLEY,	JAS. F. DEWART.
WM. SELIGMAN,	SAMUEL HOLMES,
J. B. DICKINSON,	G. S. MOULTON,
THOMAS CARLTON,	JOHN R. CECIL,
	BIRD HAVEN.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, ANDREW V. STOUT was elected President, and NATHAN T. PORTER Vice-President for the ensuing year, both unanimously.
W. A. KISAM, Cashier.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK,
No. 240 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1866.

AT AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank, held at the banking house this day, the following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year:

A. T. SANGER,	ALBERT G. LEE,
D. T. BANKER,	N. R. ROSENFELD,
JOHN ELLIOTT,	CHARLES H. BARRETT,
LEWIS EINSTEIN,	EDWIN F. KNOWLTON,
JOHN FALCONER,	JACOB H. DATER,
JOHN D. BAKER,	DANIEL L. ROSS.

At a subsequent meeting of the board, DANIEL L. ROSS, Esq., was unanimously reelected President.
J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL CITIZENS BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1866.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank, held on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1866, the following gentlemen were duly elected directors for the ensuing year, viz.:

DANIEL BURDETT,	MARTIN Y. BUNN,
JAMES M. McLEAN,	LEWIS B. LODER,
WM. MOFFAT SMITH,	HARRISON FRY,
WILLIAM HALL,	JAMES F. JOYCE,
JOSEPH N. BARNES,	FRED'K T. ASCHMAN,
ROBERT BARKLEY,	CHARLES DENISS,
J. ELLIOTT CONDIT,	WILLIAM CLOSE.
S. R. COMSTOCK.	

At a subsequent meeting of the board, S. R. COMSTOCK, Esq., was unanimously reelected President.
WM. H. OAKLEY, Cashier.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1866.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank, held at the bank on the 9th inst., the following-named gentlemen were duly elected Directors:

JOHN CASTREE,	DAVID B. MOSES,
JOHN ROMER,	VANDERB'T L. BUXTON,
JESSE H. BRUNGES,	CHARLES BUTLER,
JOHN T. WILSON,	HECTOR ARMSTRONG,
ISAAC ODELL,	WILLIAM A. THOMSON,
	HARVEY P. FARRINGTON.

At a subsequent meeting of the board, JOHN CASTREE was unanimously reelected President.
DANIEL V. H. BERTHOLF, Cashier.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.—At the regular annual election of directors of this bank, held on Jan. 9, 1866, the following named gentlemen were unanimously elected directors for the ensuing year:

WILLIAM S. CORWIN,	ROBERT DUNLAP,
CHARLES G. CORNELL,	J. TRUMBULL SMITH,
BENJAMIN T. SEALEY,	UNION ADAMS,
JOHN S. MARTIN,	AARON RAYMOND,
	EDWARD C. JOHNSON.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, EDWARD C. ROBINSON, Esq., was unanimously reelected President of the Board.
CHAS. HUDSON, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE WILKESBARRE COAL AND IRON COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 3, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the WILKESBARRE COAL AND IRON COMPANY, for election of directors &c., will be held WEDNESDAY, 31st inst., at the office of the Wyoming Valley Canal Company, in the City of Philadelphia, at 12 o'clock noon. The transfer books will be closed from Jan. 29 to Feb. 1, inclusive. By order of the board.
WM. H. I. TILLINGHAST, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE BROADWAY INSURANCE CO.,
No. 320 Broadway, New-York, Jan. 10, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this company will be held at their office, No. 320 Broadway, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 17, 1866, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock P. M.
JOHN WRAY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF NEW-YORK SILVER MINING COMPANY,
No. 80 Broadway, Jan. 5, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this company for the election of trustees, will be held at the office of the company on TUESDAY, the 16th inst., from 12 to 1 P. M.
S. R. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the UNION TRUST COMPANY, of New-York, will be held at the office of the company, No. 8 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 16th day of January, 1866, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M., for the election of ten Trustees, to supply the place of those whose terms of office then expire.
W. F. ALDRICH, Secretary.
Dated Jan. 4, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS and Inspectors of Election for the Bleecker-st. and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company will take place at the office of the company, in West 16th-st., near 10th-av., in the City of New-York, on THURSDAY, Jan. 18, 1866, polls to open at 12 o'clock noon.
M. ELY, Secretary.

LOST—A CERTIFICATE FOR 100 SHARES of QUICKSILVER MINING COMPANY, No. 4,134, in the name of Isaac H. Reed. Notice is hereby given that same must be shown why a new certificate should not be issued therefor.
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STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 26, 1865.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS of an act of the General Assembly, hereto annexed, proposals are invited and will be received for thirty days, expiring Jan. 31, 1866, for the purchase of one million dollars of bonds of the State, payable in twenty years, bearing interest, payable semi-annually, at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, and secured by the pledge of all the proceeds of the sales of the public or swamp lands belonging to the State.

Bids will be received as low as one thousand dollars, to be addressed to the Governor of the State, and indorsed "Proposals for the purchase of Bonds."

For the information of capitalists and others who may wish to invest in these bonds, a statement is annexed, prepared by the Register of the Land Office, showing the number of acres of swamp land remaining unsold, and from which it will be seen, the amount pledged for the redemption of the bonds and the payment of the accruing interest, is ample and certain. With the present depreciation of paper currency below the standard of gold, these bonds offer an inducement for investment of capital that cannot fail to be appreciated by the moneyed men of the country.
J. MADISON WELLS,
Governor of Louisiana.

[No. 35.]

AN ACT to authorize the Governor to issue the bonds of the State for the amount of one million of dollars and to provide for the payment of the same, to defray the expenses of building levees, in accordance with the constitution of the State and the Levee Commissioners appointed for that purpose.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That the Governor of this State is hereby authorized to issue the bonds of the State, to be signed by him, and countersigned by the Secretary of State, and sealed with the seal of the State, in sums as he shall think proper, up to the amount of one million of dollars, payable in twenty years, and bearing interest, payable semi-annually, at the rate of eight per centum per annum.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That the Governor, in conjunction with the Board of Levee Commissioners, shall advertise for thirty days in the official paper, and two other papers, published in the City of New-Orleans, for proposals for the purchase of the bonds issued under the provisions of this act; and upon the receipt of the bids the Governor and Board of Levee Commissioners shall have the power to accept or reject the same, as they may deem best: provided that in the event of the bids being tendered and accepted, the Governor and Board of Commissioners shall be and are hereby authorized to pledge said bonds, or any part thereof, to borrow the money necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, until the Legislature shall otherwise provide or direct.

SEC. 3. *Be further enacted, &c.*, That to secure the payment of the said bonds and all interest that may accrue thereon, all the proceeds of the sale of the public or swamp lands belonging to the State are hereby pledged.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, that if during the year, the proceeds of the sale of public or swamp lands belonging to the State so pledged for the redemption of said bonds after reserving an amount sufficient to meet the interest coupons, there should be a surplus, said surplus shall be applied in advance from the said bonds in order of such bonds issued under this act, and the Governor and the Commissioners or a majority of them, shall have the right to purchase said bonds, pending more than the face of the bonds, for which purpose public notice shall be given by the Governor in the official gazette and one other gazette in or out of the State, for sixty days, inviting proposals from bondholders for the sale of the bonds herein described.

SEC. 5. That this act shall take effect from and after date.

(Signed) DUNCAN S. CAGE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) ALBERT VOORHIES,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved Dec. 22, 1865.
(Signed) J. MADISON WELLS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
J. H. HARDY, Secretary of State.

Statement showing Swamp Lands in the different land offices of the State of Louisiana:

District.	Unsold Swamp Lands on the 1st Nov, 1861.	Sold since Nov. 1, 1861.	Swamp Lands remaining unsold.
Southwestern	2,002,286 57	75,5 6 36	1,926,780 21
North Red River	813,798 48	50,696 37	763,102 11
Ouachita	1,295,453 98	54,546 63	240,857 25
Greensburg	214,329 61	20,141 30	194,188 31
Southeastern	1,524,112 90	4,172 84	1,519,940 06
Total	4,849,931 44	205,063 50	4,644,867 94

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Register of Land Office.

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The whole tract will be embraced in one lease, if desired. For further information, apply or direct to the office of the company, No. 329 Walnut-st., Philadelphia.
JOS. C. WRIGHT, President.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6, 1865.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1866.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this bank, held at the Banking-house Jan. 9, 1866, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected Directors for the ensuing year: Charles S. Brown, George Merrill, William P. Bedlofson, Rollin Mathewson, Edward P. Bray, Thomas W. Abbott and Chancelor H. Brooks.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors the following officers were unanimously elected: Charles S. Brown, President, in place of Noah L. Wilson, resigned; George Merrill, Vice-President, in place of D. W. Vaughan, resigned; and Chancelor H. Gerrish was appointed Cashier pro tem., in place of Alfred A. Post, resigned.
GEORGE MERRILL, Cashier pro tem.

BANK OF NEW-YORK, NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1866.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION HELD on the 9th inst., the following gentlemen were duly elected Directors for the ensuing year:

CHARLES E. BILL,	CHARLES P. LEVERICH,
JOSIAH LANE,	FRED'K SCHUCHARDT,
PETER V. KING,	EZRA WHEELER,
PHILETUS H. HOLT,	WILLIAM OOTHOUT,
G. G. HOWLAND,	JOHN P. BRADLEY,
JAMES H. BANKER,	WM. ASTOR and
	JAS. M. CONSTABLE.

At a meeting of the board, held this day, CHARLES P. LEVERICH was unanimously reelected President, and JAMES H. BANKER Vice-President.
(Signed,) R. B. FERRIS,
Assistant Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1866.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this company, held on the 9th inst., the following gentlemen were elected:

JAMES N. COBB,	DANIEL B. FEARING,
WM. R. ASPINWALL,	JOSEPH SAMPSON,
ROBERT L. TAYLOR,	WM. M. HERRIMAN,
R. LENOX KENNEDY,	FELIX INGOLSBY,
PHILIP M. LYDIG,	GEORGE A. JONES,
JOHN Q. JONES,	SANFORD COBB,
	WILLIAM H. GUION.

At a subsequent meeting of the board, SANFORD COBB was unanimously reelected President.
A. J. CLINTON, Secretary.

GREENWICH SAVINGS BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1866.

JANUARY INTEREST FOR 1866.—THE Board of Trustees of this institution have directed that interest at the rate of Five per cent. per annum on all sums of $500 and under, and of Four per cent. on deposits over $500, free from government tax, be allowed to all depositors entitled thereto, payable on and after MONDAY, Jan. 15. All interest not drawn will draw interest from Jan. 1 as principal.
B. F. WHEELWRIGHT, President.
JOHN S. DICKERSON, Secretaries.
JAMES BRUCE,

REMOVAL.—THE OFFICE OF THE GERMANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY has been removed to their new building, No. 175 Broadway.
DEC. 28, 1865.

FINANCIAL.

VERMILYE & CO.,
BANKERS.
NO. 44 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK,
KEEP CONSTANTLY ON HAND FOR
IMMEDIATE DELIVERY,
ALL ISSUES OF
UNITED STATES STOCKS,
INCLUDING
6 PER CENT. BONDS OF 1881.
6 PER CENT. 5-20 BONDS OF 1862.
6 PER CENT. 5-20 BONDS OF 1864.
6 PER CENT. 5-20 BONDS OF 1865.
5 PER CENT. 10-40 BONDS.
7 3-10 PER CENT. TREASURY NOTES, 1ST, 2D AND 3D SERIES.
6 PER CENT. CURRENCY CERTIFICATES.
ORDERS from BANKS and BANKERS, for the PURCHASE and SALE of Government Stocks executed ON FAVORABLE TERMS and with DISPATCH.
Also for all securities dealt in at the Stock Exchange.
COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES OF 1864 BOUGHT and SOLD.
VERMILYE & CO.
CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD
STATE AID BONDS.
Interest at the rate of
SEVEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM,
IN GOLD,
Payable semi-annually,
Guaranteed and paid by the
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
The bonds are secured by a mortgage on 160 miles of road, from Sacramento to the California State line, forming part of the GREAT PACIFIC RAILROAD ROUTE, ADOPTED and AIDED by the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. They are further secured by a SINKING FUND of $50,000 PER ANNUM, reserved from the earnings of the road, and PLEDGED FOR THEIR REDEMPTION. They are a first-class security in every respect, and a limited amount will be offered upon terms which render them a VERY ATTRACTIVE and DESIRABLE INVESTMENT. For further particulars inquire at our office, No. 5 Nassau-st.
FISK & HATCH, BANKERS.
MANGAM & TALBERT,
BANKERS,
NO. 40 WALL-ST.
DEALERS IN GOVERNMENT STOCKS.
BONDS AND GOLD BOUGHT AND SOLD ON COMMISSION.
INTEREST ALLOWED ON DAILY BALANCES, SUBJECT TO CHECK AT SIGHT.
WOOSTER SHERMAN'S BANK,
Established under State laws in 1841, and for a quarter of a century in successful operation in Watertown, N. Y., has been removed to No. 3 Nassau-st., New-York, and is now open for business.
Accounts of inland banks, bankers and city dealers solicited. Special arrangements made for interest on deposits.
Collections made, loans and business paper negotiated.
Orders for the purchase and sale of stocks and gold promptly executed on commission.
The bills of this bank redeemed at par in New-York.
WOOSTER SHERMAN, Banker.
FREDERICK D. SHERMAN, Cashier.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1866.
The business of the bank at Watertown will be continued in Mr. Sherman's name, managed by John F. Moffett, Cashier.

ATTENTION.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1866.

A note in blank, to the order of T. Taussig & Bro., payable in gold coin and signed by Louis Taussig, was stolen, with money and other valuable papers, at deeds and mortgages, on the 9th inst.; the public is warned not to negotiate the above note.
T. TAUSSIG & BRO., No. 9 Delancey-st.

NOTICE.

The coupons on the first mortgage bonds of the New-Albany and Salem Railroad Company, due 1st October, 1864, and 1st November, 1864, will be paid at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company (less 5 per cent. internal revenue tax paid in Indiana,) on and after the 15th January, 1866.
D. D. WILLIAMSON, Trustee,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1866.

GREENLEAF, NORRIS & CO.,
STOCK BROKERS,
No. 44 Exchange-place, New-York.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMERICAN HONDURAS CO.—AMOUNT OF CAPITAL STOCK $500,000.—The full amount of the said capital has been actually paid in for the purchase of real estate, or as appears by certificate of such payment filed and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, Jan. 13, 1866. The amount of existing debts of the Company is thirty thousand and fifty dollars and ninety-five cents, to wit:

Mortgage debt, (gold)	$17,000 00
Other indebtedness	13,059 95
Total	$30,059 95

HENRY QUERIPEL, President.
ANDREW J. HENNION,
PERRIN BURDICK,
VINCENT LECOMTE,
H. H. ROBERTSON,
H. QUERIPEL, Jr.,
Trustees.

City and County of New-York, ss.—HENRY QUERIPEL, Jr., being duly sworn, says he is Secretary of the American Honduras Company, mentioned in the foregoing report. That the statements contained in said report are true.
HENRY QUERIPEL, Jr., Secretary.
Sworn to before me, this 15th day of January, 1866.
WILLIAM H. FIELDS,
Notary Public County of New-York.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 1865.

WHEREAS, BY SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the Mechanics' and Traders' National Bank, in the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, has been duly organized under and according to the requirements of the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide a national currency, secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof, approved June 3, 1864, and has complied with all the provisions of said act required to be complied with before commencing business under said act.

Now, therefore, I, FREEMAN CLARKE, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that the Mechanics' and Traders' National Bank of the City of New-York, in the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, is authorized to commence the business of banking, under the act aforesaid.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal [SEAL.] of office, this 23d day of December, 1865.
FREEMAN CLARKE,
Comptroller.

No. 1,624.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE BIG ISLAND AND HUGHES RIVER OIL COMPANY. Amount of capital stock, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, issued in payment of property in Lincoln County, West Virginia. Amount of indebtedness, nothing.
W. B. HOYT, President.
J. JOYCE,
CHAS. HALSTEAD, Trustee.
JAMES P. ISAACS, Trustee.
AMOS F. OSWALD, Trustee.

City and County of New-York, ss.—The undersigned, W. B. HOYT, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that he is President of the Big Island and Hughes River Oil Company, and that the above statement is true, to the best of his knowledge and belief. W. B. HOYT.
Sworn to before me this 15th day of January, 1866.
JAS. LODER, Notary Public for City of New-York.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE ASHBURTON COAL COMPANY required by statute. Amount of capital stock $2,500,000, issued in payment of mines and property in Luzerne County, Penn. Amount of indebtedness—nothing.
H. B. BATTLEY, President.
EDWARD DODGE,
C. W. TIMPSON,
Trustees.

City and County of New-York: The subscriber, CHAS. A. BERRIAN, being duly sworn, doth depose and say that he is Secretary of the Ashburton Coal Company, and that the above statement is correct, to the best of his knowledge and belief. CHAS. A. BERRIAN.
Sworn before me this 15th day of January, 1866.
A. R. RODGERS, Notary Public.

AT AN ELECTION HELD ON THE 9TH inst., the following named gentlemen were elected DIRECTORS of "The Chemical National Bank of New-York" for the ensuing year, viz:

JOHN D. JONES,	ROBERT McCOSKRY,
JOHN DAVID WOLFE,	JAS. A. ROOSEVELT,
	GEORGE G. WILLIAMS.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 10th inst., John Q. Jones, Esq., was unanimously reelected President.
G. G. WILLIAMS, Cashier.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE PRESCOTT CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY OF ARIZONA.—Amount of Capital Stock, one hundred thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, issued in full payment for sixty-one (61) mines near Prescott, the capital of Arizona Territory. Amount of indebtedness not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.
CHARLES D. PONTON, President.
GEORGE WRIGHTSON, A. DOUBLEDAY, Trustees.
D. B. HORTON, Secretary. Jan. 15, 1866.

$40,000 LOANED ON BOND AND MORTGAGE, for a term of years, on real estate only, which is fully worth three times the amount, and is free from all incumbrances. This property embraces a splendid estate, with extensive river-front on the Hudson, and has a contemplated railroad passing through it to this city. Address or apply to J. W. PALMENTIER, No. 9 Spruce-st., New-York *Courier* Office, New-York City.

LOST—IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE Liverpool Exchange, on Saturday, Dec. 30, 1865, Four United States 5-20 bonds of $1,000 each,
No. 24,502, issued to Jay Cook.
No. 92,194, issued to Fisk & Hatch,
No. 18,949, issued to E. Terrey,
No. 18,950, issued to E. Terrey.
All dated May 1, 1862.
Apply to J. KING & SONS, No. 13 Exchange-alley, Liverpool, or CAMMANN & CO., 56 Wall-st., New-York.

RAILROAD NOTICE.—NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Dubuque and Sioux City Railroad Company, for the election of Directors, will take place at the office of the company, Dubuque, Iowa, on MONDAY and TUESDAY, Feb. 26, 1866. LOUIS BOISOT, Secretary.
DUBUQUE, Jan. 2, 1866.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Plumer and Cherry Run Petroleum Company of New-York, for the election of Trustees, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant, at the office of J. M. Holly, No. 381 Pearl-st., at 1 o'clock, P. M. J. M. HOLLY, President.

WANTED—FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, AS a loan for five years, for the use of which 10 per cent. will be paid per annum, and real estate security. For particulars address ENTERPRISE, Box No. 566 Post-office, Nashville, Tenn.

FOR SALE—A FEW SHARES OF THE STOCK of the North and East River Railroad (Belt Railroad.)
REUBEN MAULEY & CO., No. 25 New-st.

COMMISSIONER FOR MASSACHUSETTS and other States.—No. 5 Beekman-st., Room No. 8, first floor over Park Bank

DENTISTRY.

COLTON DENTAL ASSOCIATION.—"TO Dr. COLTON is due the credit of reviving the use of this important agent (Nitrous Oxide) in the practice of dentistry."—*Letter from Dr. Curwood.* That we administer the gas in the most safe and efficient manner, 9,000 patients and the Medical and Dental profession of New-York testify.
Offices No. 19 and 30 Cooper Institute.

DRS. GRIFFIN, NO. 358 GRAND-ST., opposite Lord & Taylor's, New-York, are inserting FULL or PARTIAL SETS of their IMPROVED ARTIFICIAL TEETH, with or without extracting the roots. Full sets on gold or platina, $25; silver or rubber, $10; partial sets gold per tooth, $2; silver or rubber, $1.

DENTAL STUDENT.—A YOUNG MAN WISHing to study dentistry, or one with a partial knowledge of the profession desiring to perfect himself, can have a good opportunity by addressing immediately, STUDENT, Box No. 206 *Times* Office.

81 TO 9 CENTS PER POUND PAID CASH for Old Books, Newspapers, Pamphlets and Writing Paper, at No. 49 Ann-st. THOS. C. BENNETT,

DIVIDENDS.

TWELFTH DIVIDEND.
STANDARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
No. 61 Wall-st.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1866.
The usual semi-annual dividend of
FIVE PER CENT.
has this day been declared, payable on demand, free of tax.
WILLIAM M. ST. JOHN,
Secretary.

RUTGERS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 120 CHATHAM-SQUARE.
DIVIDEND.—A semi-annual dividend of Five Per Cent., free of government tax, will be paid on the first day of February next.
By order of the Board of Directors.
E. B. FELLOWS, Secretary.

BROADWAY SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
No. 237 Broadway, entrance on Park-place.
DIVIDEND.—The trustees of this institution have directed that the usual dividend on deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending Dec. 31, at the rate of six per cent. per annum on sums not exceeding $500, and five per cent. over $500 (free from Government tax), will be paid on and after Monday, January 15, 1866.
FRANCIS P. SCHOALS, President.
WADE B. WORRALL, Sec'y. PETER CUMMING, Act't.

24TH DIVIDEND. OFFICE OF THE
MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 166 Broadway, New-York. Jan. 4, 1866.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of four (4) per cent. on the capital stock, free of government tax, payable on and after MONDAY, Jan. 8.
WM. A. ANDERSON, Secretary.

FIFTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.
NORTH AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 114 Broadway, New-York, Jan. 9, 1866.
The Board of Directors have THIS DAY declared an interest dividend of FIVE PER CENT. on the capital stock, payable on demand.
R. W. BLEECKER, Secretary.

BOWERY SAVINGS BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1866.
THE DEPOSITORS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that interest, at the rate of FIVE PER CENT. per annum on all sums of five dollars and upward, and not exceeding five hundred dollars, and FOUR PER CENT. per annum on all sums over five hundred dollars, which have been deposited at least three months previous to 1st inst., will be allowed to depositors, free of tax, payable on and after MONDAY, 15th inst., in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws.
Also, an extra dividend, at one-half of the rates above named, will be allowed and paid in the same manner.
Interest not called for will remain as principal, drawing interest from 1st inst.
This Bank is open for business daily from 10 to 2 o'clock, and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6 to 7 o'clock, at No. 130 Bowery.
By order of the Trustees,
THOMAS JEREMIAH, President.
G. H. COGGESHALL, Secretary.

THE BANK FOR SAVINGS, No. 67 BLEECKER-ST., 10th January, 1866.
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SHIPPING.

BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.
CARRYING THE MAIL
NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR
EVERY WEDNESDAY.
NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.
SCOTIA leaves New-York Wednesday, Jan. 17.
ANGLIA leaves New-York Wednesday, Jan. 24.
JAVA leaves New-York Wednesday, Jan. 31.
AUSTRALASIAN leaves New-York Wednesday, Feb. 7.
PERSIA leaves New-York Wednesday, Feb. 14.
AUSTRALASIAN leaves New-York Saturday, Feb. 17.
FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$120 00
Second Cabin Passage.....80 00
FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$110 00
Second Cabin Passage.....75 00
Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The Company will not be responsible for specie or valuable parcels unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.
Another first-class steamship will leave 20th of March.
For freight or passage, apply to
R. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.
THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S NEW AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST
Will be the splendid vessels on this favorite route for the conveyance of the following:
WASHINGTON.....3,204 tons.....500-horse power
NORMANDIE.....3,204 tons.....500-horse power
LAFAYETTE.....3,204 tons.....500-horse power
LOUISIANE.....(Building).....1,350-horse power.
FRANCE.....(Building).....Great power.
VILLE DE PARIS.....(Building).....Great power.
DEPARTURES FROM NEW-YORK.
WASHINGTON.....SATURDAY.....Feb. 3
NORMANDIE.....FRIDAY.....March 2
A. DUCHESNE, Agent,
Carrying only cabin passengers.
PRICES OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.
First cabin, $150; second cabin, $80, including table wine and lights.
Those intending to land at Brest will be furnished tickets through to Paris, at an additional charge of $5 for first and $3 for second class.
Baggage checked free of charge.
For further information apply to
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent,
Removed from No. 7 to 56 Broadway.
At Havre, WM. BRELIN & CO.

NATIONAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
(Limited.)
NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL,
Calling at Queenstown to land passengers.
ERIN.....3,412.....Commanders
ENGLAND.....3,000.....Gregan.
IRELAND.....3,000.....Hall.
ERIN.....3,412.....Grace.
PENNSYLVANIA.....3,377.....Prowse.
HIBERNIA.....3,310.....McNevin.
LOUISIANA.....3,676.....Lewis.
VIRGINIA.....2,186.....Cutting.
Pier No. 47, North River, as follows:
ERIN.....SATURDAY, Jan. 6
PENNSYLVANIA.....SATURDAY, Jan. 13
ERIN.....SATURDAY, Jan. 20
AND EVERY SATURDAY THEREAFTER.
The cabins of these steamships admits of very spacious state-rooms, all opening directly into the saloon; the accommodations and fare are unsurpassed, and the rates lower than by any other line.
An experienced Surgeon on each ship free of charge.
Cabin passage, $90; Steerage, $30—payable in currency.
Passengers will please come direct to the office, as no runners are employed.

PASSAGE TO AND FROM GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND by
TAPSCOTT'S
favorite lines of LONDON and LIVERPOOL PACKETS, sailing every week. Parties wishing to send for friends or remit money to the Old Country can do so on the most favorable terms by applying to
TAPSCOTT, BROTHERS & CO.,
No. 86 South-st.

FOR HAVANA DIRECT.
The United States mail side-wheel steamship
MORRO CASTLE,
R. ADAMS, Commander,
will leave Pier No. 4 North River, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 17, at 3 o'clock, P. M., precisely, for Havana direct.
For freight or passage apply to
SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.,
No. 20 Broadway.
N.B.—The favorite steamer EAGLE will succeed the MORRO CASTLE, and leave on Jan. 24.

UNITED STATES MAIL LINE FOR RIO DE JANEIRO.
CALLING AT
ST. THOMAS, PARA, PERNAMBUCO AND BAHIA
EVERY TRIP.
THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY
will dispatch regularly, on the 20th of each month, at 3 P.M., from Pier No. 43 North River,
ONE OF THEIR NEW FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIPS,
THE
NORTH AMERICA,
L. F. TOWNSEND, Commander,
WILL LEAVE
ON MONDAY, THE 29TH OF JANUARY.
An experienced Surgeon is attached to each steamer.
All letters must pass through the Post-office.
Cargo lots of heavy freight at low rates.
For freight or passage apply to
THOMAS ASENCIO & CO.,
No. 17 Broadway.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.
PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
EMILY B. SOUDER.....Capt. H. LOCKWOOD.
MONIKA.....Capt. W. M. MARSHMAN.
These splendid steamships will leave every SATURDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 36 North River, having unsurpassed landing cargo at Charleston on Monday morning.
The new and elegant steamship
MONIKA
sails on THURSDAY, Jan. 18, at 3 o'clock P. M.
For freight or passage, with unsurpassed accommodations, apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 141 Broadway.
Consignees at Charleston, ARCHIBALD, DUFFY & CO.
All bills of lading signed on board the ship.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.
REGULAR UNITED STATES MAIL LINE OF FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIPS.
ALHAMBRA,
ANDALUSIA,
SARAGOSSA,
and the QUAKER CITY.
Fine cabin passage.....$40.
The new, large and splendid very fast steamship
ANDALUSIA, Capt. BUSELEY, Master,
is now receiving cargo and will sail positively promptly at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 14 East River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 20. Bills of lading signed on board.
For freight or passage apply to
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 76 William-st.

FOR WILMINGTON N. C.—DIRECT.
ATLANTIC COAST MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR WEEKLY LINE,
connecting with railroads and steamboats for the interior.
RALEIGH, Capt. WALKER.
ADELE, Capt. SOUTHARD.
The new and splendid steamship ADELE will leave her wharf, North River, for the above port on SATURDAY, Jan. 6, at 3 P. M.
For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO.,
No. 141 Broadway.
All goods consigned to the agents at Wilmington, Messrs. Worth & Powell, will be promptly forwarded.
Bills of lading signed on board the vessel.

FOR WILMINGTON, N. C.
Commercial Line of United States Mail Steamships.
FANNIE.....Capt. ALEX. HUNTER.
WM. F. CLYDE.....Capt. JAS. S. ROGERS.
The A1 steamship WM. F. CLYDE is now receiving freight at Pier No. 15 East River, and will sail on SATURDAY, Jan. 20, at 2 o'clock P. M. precisely.
Passenger accommodations for passengers. For freight or passage apply to
JAS. H. PIERSON, No. 77 South-st.
or, JAMES HAND, No. 111 Wall-st.

FOR WILMINGTON, N. C.
The fast-sailing and reliable steamship
STARLIGHT, PERKINS, Master,
is now receiving cargo at Pier No. 14, East River, and will sail as above, on SATURDAY, Jan. 20, at 3 P. M. For freight or passage, apply to
ARTHUR LEARY,
No. 76 William-st.

SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S THROUGH LINE
TO CALIFORNIA,
AND CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL.
leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon, on the 1st, 11th and 21st of every month, (or the preceding Saturday,) for ASPINWALL, connecting, via Panama Railway, with one of the company's steamships, from Panama for SAN FRANCISCO, touching at ACAPULCO.
DECEMBER.
20th, HENRY CHAUNCEY, connecting with SACRAMENTO.
JANUARY.
11th, ATLANTIC, connecting with GOLDEN AGE.
20th, NEW-YORK, connecting with CONSTITUTION.
Departures of 11th and 21st connect at Panama with steamers for SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS; but fund this touch at MANZANILLO, instead of ACAPULCO.
THROUGH PASSAGE RATES, IN CURRENCY.
First Cabin. Second Cabin.
$300 $200
A discount of ONE-QUARTER from steamers' rates will be allowed to second cabin and steerage passengers accompanied by their families.
Baggage checked through. One hundred pounds allowed each adult.
An experienced surgeon on board. Medicines and attendance free.
For passage tickets or further information apply at the company's ticket office, on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River, New-York.
F. W. G. BELLOWS, Agent.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
Reduced rates per steamship NEW-YORK, Jan. 20,
First cabin.....$175.
Second cabin.....$150.
Steerage.....$75.

OPPOSITION LINE TO CALIFORNIA.
EXTRAORDINARY LOW PRICES.
First Class. Second Class. Third Class.
$225. $135. $50.
The Central American Transit Company will sell passage tickets at above rates,
THROUGH TO SAN FRANCISCO,
calling from New-York on the splendid steamer
SANTIAGO DE CUBA,
JERRY W. SMITH, Esq., Commander,
from Pier No. 29 North River, at NOON on Jan. 20.
SPECIAL NOTICE.—Apply early for your tickets by remittance by mail, or at No. 177 West-st., corner of Warren-st.
D. N. CARRINGTON, Agent.

FOR CALIFORNIA VIA PANAMA.
The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer NEW-YORK will sail on SATURDAY, Dec. 20, at 12 o'clock, noon.
Freight received as usual.
For rates, apply at our office, No. 84 Broadway,
WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Sole Freight Agents P. M. S. S. Co.

OFFICE OF WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
NEW-YORK AND CALIFORNIA EXPRESS AND EXCHANGE COMPANY, NO. 84 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, SHIPPERS OF FREIGHT TO THE PACIFIC COAST will please take notice that having been appointed Freight Agents Pacific Mail Steamship Company, we are now prepared to receive freights for California, Oregon, Nevada, Washington Territory, Sandwich Islands, Central America and west coast of South America.
For rates apply at our office, No. 84 Broadway, or freight office on dock foot of Canal-st.
Steamers will sail on the 1st, 11th, and 21st of each month; those dates falling on Sunday, on preceding Saturday.
No slow freight received on any day of sailing. Freight MUST BE DELIVERED ON DOCK FOOT OF CANAL-ST. Bills of lading will be issued at No. 84 Broadway. Our usual package express will be sent by each steamer, and will close at 10 A. M. on sailing day. Our letter bags will close at 11½ A. M. For convenience of our up-town customers, letter bags will be kept at the Metropolitan Hotel and on the dock, foot of Canal-st.
Our GOLDEN ARROW ENVELOPES will be on sale at the office of the hotel, and at our office, No. 84 Broadway, and Canal-st. dock.
All letters sent through us must be in Government envelopes.
Sight Exchange on San Francisco for sale.
Telegraphic transfers of money made to all points reached by the wires on West Coast.
California coupons bought at best rates.
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SECOND APPEARANCE,
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MISS BATEMAN,
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A JEWISH MAIDEN,
in Mosenthal's beautiful play of that name.
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Admission, 75 cents; Reserved Seats, $1; Orchestra Chairs, $1 50; Seats in Dress Circle, private boxes $1 50; Family Circle, (entrance on Crosby-st.,) 50 cents; Private Boxes, $5, $6 and $10.
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MR. F. S. CHANFRAU,
the world-famous and matchless
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The drama, by Tom Taylor, Esq., founded on Miss Braddon's celebrated novel, entitled
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Music has been composed expressly for the piece, by
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The solitary stranger in New-York is often puzzled to know how he shall pass the evening. There are no galleries of art, no accessible reading rooms, no pleasant and inexpensive places of resort in the lower part of the city. If he puts up at the Astor he can lounge about in the great hall, or read provincial papers, or even aid in deepening the murky atmosphere of the smoking-room; or he may play at billiards, or, as a last resort, he may go to bed. On Wednesday evening I found myself again face to face with the problem, What shall I do to-night? On two previous evenings I had solved it by the potent spell of Hamlet.

And although I care little for theatrical amusements, I fled for refuge from home sickness and hotel dreariness to the familiar company of the dreamy Dane, and of Mr. Solon Shingle, whose "father fit into the revolution: that is, he driv a baggage waggin."

But I was tired of play, and wanted to see something else on Wednesday. I couldn't read the provincial papers—they were too heavy; nor smoke four hours—that was too fatiguing; nor "loafe and invite my soul," as WALT WHITMAN can—for I have a nervous temperament; nor play billiards—for I don't know how, and don't care to learn; nor go to bed—for I was neither sleepy nor fond of the blankets; nor even exercise my limbs by walking to and fro in the corridors of the ASTOR—for I didn't put up there.

I had had my sympathies deeply moved by the report of Capt. JOURDAN on the condition of the poorest of the poor in New-York, and I had been amazed, with many others of your readers, at the startling and shocking revelations on which you commented in your editorial columns.

I determined to visit them, and so pushed up Chatham-street, and soon disappeared in the gloomy and filthy Five Points region. Along wet and broken sidewalks; through streets whose putrescent odors were revolting; past houses, whose feeble-looking lights, in dilapidated windows, gave the whole precinct a decayed and sickly aspect; past hideous and drunken women, who saluted one with invitations that it seemed it had required a demon seven times damned to acccept; past groups of little boys—a few of them tugging at the stumps of cigars that they had picked up somewhere in the street; past crowds of girls, some quarreling and shouting, and others playing—yes, even there, among the heaps of vile refuse that poisoned the air and overlaid the middle of the streets—playing and laughing merrily; past knots of men, with hang-dog and most jolly looks; past corruption and pestilence in every form—as liquids, as solids, and as human beings—amazed that such festering foulnesses should be suffered to remain so near to our marble palaces of trade. I walked as fast as the slippery stones and the obstructions that I met would suffer me to go.

I called at the station-house to see Capt. JOURDAN. Not in.

"Call to-morrow evening, at seven o'clock."

I did call and I saw the Captain.

"Would the Captain allow a policeman to go round with me to the 'slums' and lodging-cellars?"

The name of a journal of which I am an occasional contributor secured me this favor.

"At what hour?"

"Eleven or twelve."

Five hours hence. "What shall I do in the meantime?"

So I went to the play again; and at Niblo's saw the wealth and beauty of the city—or a part of it—deeply moved at times at the fictitious sorrows of the *Lady Isabel*, of "East Lynne." Not to claim any sort of superiority over my fellow-play-goers, I will admit that my own eyes were just a little damp several times.

Precisely at midnight I entered the station-house again.

"Did the Captain leave orders for a policeman to go with me round the precinct?"

"I'm your man," said a voice in the corner. A fair-complexioned person, dressed in police uniform, jumped up from a little iron seat and came forward.

"You're late, Sir," he said. "I expected you at 11; but it's soon enough."

Taking a bull's eye, we left on our tour of exploration.

Boundsman MCDONNELL had lived in this precinct all his days, and had been connected with the police for several years. Yet he is as healthy a man as one can meet in a day's journey on Broadway.

"Now, what would you like to see first?" said the roundsman.

I expressed a preference for underground lodging houses.

"All right," said the roundsman, "I can show you enough to sicken you."

We went around to the corner of Laurens and Baxter streets, and descended about a dozen stairs to the door of a cellar. It had a window, broken and dirty. The roundsman rapped at the door with his club.

"Who's there?" cried a woman's voice.

"A policeman."

"What does the policeman want?" the voice rejoined.

"Oh, let me in and you'll see," said the roundsman.

A drunken male voice told the woman to open. There was the sound of striking a light.

"Never mind a light," said the roundsman, "Open: I've got one."

The door opened. A boy of nine or ten, entirely naked, stood before us. An unshaven, hard-featured, elderly Irish laborer sat bolt upright in bed—naked, too. A woman lay by his side.

This cellar, like all the rest, was less than eight feet high, and its floor was in bad order and extremely filthy. It had once been a noted underground hotel, kept by a negro, who has since gone up to the Island or to Sing Sing. It had an inner room, which once communicated with rooms still further along, which again were connected with a dark and foul alley. I thought then that the atmosphere was deadly poisonous, but I remember it now as the best ventilated of these cellers that we visited. For it was a private residence, not a lodging house, now!

"JOHN LANE'S rum shop"—the policemen call the places gin-mills—was next startled by our visit. It was jammed. White boys and prostitutes of both races—Celtic and Negro—black men and white men, were in the closest fraternity. There was a rush out at the back door as soon as MCDONNELL's blue eyes rested on the women.

"Oh," he cried, "you needn't run; I aint a-going to touch you."

They all knew him and seemed to have full faith in his word. In fact, every body we met knew CHARLEY. I mentioned the circumstance.

"Yes," said CHARLEY, "most of them have good reason to know me. I've sent lots of them up to the Island!"

This gin mill is one of the cheapest and most liberally patronized gates to ruin in the city. It is also one of the best fitted. Go into it in the day time, and you would report it to be clean and respectable, if you would use the last word in relation to such a place in any circumstances. Most of the forty or fifty persons here were colored. Their lodging-houses are in an alley near by; and the roundsman said that they were much cleaner than those of the same class of Irish. For nearly all these whites are Irish. "Seems like," said another officer, "as if they were a different breed from the other Irish; they're Kerry folks; hanged if you could dig a hole in them with a crowbar deep enough to get any sense into them; there's no reasoning with them; there's no way of making them keep clean or decent but brute force, Sir."

FITZGERALD'S gin-mill is on the corner of Baxter and White streets. Five or six brutal-looking, bloated, blackened-eyed prostitutes sat around the stove; and one, dead drunk, lay at full length on a form near the door. Four or five young men stood near the bar and near the stove. They all knew CHARLEY—the women. All had been "up," some more than once.

On the opposite corner is TOM LANE'S. It is much larger than either of the other two. TOM is JIM'S brother. This is the place of which Capt. JOURDAN says in his report that it is the resort of thieves, beggars and prostitutes of the lowest class. There were between twenty and thirty men and women in the room when we entered it. The prostitutes are of the lowest grade. Their faces are bloated and haggard, and oh! so *dreary!* Their laugh is hard and forced. Still they excite little pity. They seem to be irrevocably gone. Gone! And these are of the sex of our mothers and our wives! There seems to be no hope for them in this life; and hopelessness is written on every line of their faces. And yet there are hardly any traces of *vital* wretchedness. It is negative mainly; it is the utter absence of happiness rather than the presence of misery that impresses one.

These women, so lost, so fallen, are called Lofters in the police vocabulary.

"There!" said the roundsman, pointing to a young woman who stood near the end of the bar, "there's the greatest shoplifter in the United States. And she's come to this."

The girl had an intelligent face, keen, black eyes, and her black hair hung down in one mass. She seemed to be delighted with the compliment.

As we were going out one of the young rowdies made a mocking sound at the roundsman. "Charley" whistled. A low whistle answered. A policeman emerged from the gloom of a neighboring house and came forward.

"Clear them fellows out," said the roundsman.

The tall man in blue went into the bar-room, like a wolf on the fold, and there was a sudden scampering of the young rowdies. They made a simultaneous rush for the door. In their eagerness to escape they blocked each other's way. Meanwhile the policeman laid on his club with a vigor which must have left marks on the lower region of their bodies. The women laughed.

"Now let us go over to 'Cow Bay,' said the roundsman, "and you will see how they live 'way up Jacob's Ladder. That's the name it goes by. Cow Bay used to be where the House of Industry is now, but there's one building still standing—where they keep lodgers."

Jacob's Ladder is an outside stairway, high and steep, which ends at a landing so ricketty and in every way dilapidated that it excites one's wonder that it should be suffered to remain standing. You land as high up as the third story would have been. There were two doors. The roundsman rapped at both of them.

"Whose there?" asked a female voice.

"Open the door, SUSE," said the roundsman.

"Ah! that's CHARLEY," returned a voice.

A little room; three women in it: a pan filled with coal cinders in the centre of the floor. One woman on her haunches, warming her hands over it. On a filthy mattress, with one filthy coverlet over her, lay a woman asleep. No bedstead. No pillow. No other mattress. The room—how filthy, how cheerless, how ricketty no pen can describe. The gas from the fire was enough to suffocate me.

Next room; a devilish-looking little German woman, half dressed, opened the door. Two men in one bed—her husband in the other—perhaps her husband. Filthy, everything. Had I written about it then and there I would have said extremely filthy. But there was worse to come.

We go up the narrow, wornout winding stairs. We enter—no I didn't, for I should have vomited had I done so—the roundsman entered and I looked into three of the upper chambers. In one, under the eaves almost, small and low and slanting, a negro woman had three or four boarders—she paid a dollar a week for rent. Next door there were five or six women huddled near a stove. Who is that man lying beside a woman under a heap of rags near by them?

"They are all prostitutes here," said the roundsman.

"All five?"

"All in this building."

"And men come here?"

"Oh yes—they have no sense of decency."

One of these women was so frightfully diseased that the foul odors of her body was distinguishable above the other fetid odors of the room and its inmates and the fumes of the coal gas. For in all these caverns there are no fireplaces.

A man had died of fever in the attic room opposite only that morning—and his widow and her children and lodgers were still living there, as filthy and crowded together as ever.

"We have to carry corpses from these places sometimes," said the roundsman, "and they are crawling—!"

"Are all these women—all of them—of bad character?"

"Every one," said the roundsman. We descended.

"Over there," observed the roundsman, as he pointed to a place near by, "over there is where a nigger killed the white man some time since. They called it 8—— Alley. Would you like to go over?"

We picked our way over the half-frozen slush, and came to a stable-door, as I thought; for there was a heap of stable refuse near it. The roundsman rapped. By and by an old negro man appeared, with but one article of clothing on his body—a short, thick old man, who made his living by begging. A low, filthy room, miserably furnished, but with more in it than the rooms up Jacob's ladder.

On the floor lay a young man and a woman, on a filthy mattress. They were man and wife—or, at least, the old man said so. They were colored.

Near by, up one flight of ricketty stairs, we saw a sadder sight still. A stove—not a large open pot only—stood in the middle of the main room. Three little rooms lead out of it, and one of them had been a china-closet once. Four squalid and debauched women were squatted down near the stove. A mattress lay on the floor close by the fire, and on it, clasped in each other's arms—not a blanket nor rug nor coverlid, but only an overcoat over them—two persons were stretched out.

"Who's that man?" asked the roundsman.

"Donno."

"Who keeps this place?"

"Me!" said a debauched creature, in unwomanly rags clad, looking up at the officer.

"How came you here?" said the officer to the man.

"Coming home"—

"And this crow picked you up?"

"Yes."

There are men who are as low in character as these women; but *they* can come out of these alleys and dens and redeem themselves. But, once there, a woman can escape in one way only—in a coffin.

At the corner of Water-street, where once a missionary lived, we went through another house; this the abode of the better, or, more properly, the less wretched class.

"You may make comparisons," said the roundsman. "*This is on the way down.* They try to keep up a more decent appearance; but they all go down to the cellars on Cow Bay at last."

"And then?"

"Oh, then they soon drink themselves to death," said the roundsman. J. R.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Widening of Ann and Fulton Streets—A New Health Commissioner—The Defalcation by the late Public Administrator.

The board met at 2 P. M. yesterday, Mr. BRICE in the chair.

Mr. O'BRIEN offered a resolution rescinding the resolution adopted by the Common Council in December last, in favor of widening Ann and Fulton streets.

The resolution was laid over.

Mr. SHANNON offered a resolution directing the Corporation Attorney not to prosecute any suits for violation of Corporation Ordinances until further orders.

Mr. SHANNON said the Corporation Attorney prosecuted persons indiscriminately, and in many cases which had come to his (Mr. SHANNON's) knowledge great injustice had been done. Many persons were fined from $5 to $15 each without being aware that they had committed any breach of the law.

Mr. VARNUM thought the resolution was rather too sweeping. He would move that it be so amended that it apply only to the cases of persons who hold special permits from the Common Council.

It was finally referred to a committee.

Mr. VARNUM presented an ordinance giving the power to grant the use of the sidewalks for any purpose to the Mayor. It was referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

A communication was received from the Mayor nominating Dr. MORRAT MORRIS as Health Commissioner, in place of Dr. MURPHY.

The nomination was confirmed.

A resolution to pay F. I. A. BOOLE, City Inspector, $9,650 for legal expenses incurred in the investigations before the Governor and Senatorial Committee, was laid over.

Mr. O'GORMAN, Corporation Counsel, sent in a communication from MURRAY HOFFMAN in regard to the defalcation of ROBERT B. BRADFORD, the late Public Administrator.

Mr. HOFFMAN says the city is responsible for the whole amount of the money that was taken, principal and interest, footing up so far $41,000. He recommends that the liability of the city be immediately recognized, and that funds be provided to meet the claims by act of the Legislature. He makes recommendations as to the best mode of protecting the interest of the public hereafter, and gives the following list of estates in the settlement of which frauds have occurred:

Nathan Appleton Lee's estate	$5,834 00
Elizabeth Somerville	16,237 64
Rodger Kelley	1,950 78
Geo. F. Burdett	3,755 24
Heue Gautier	2,660 00
Stephen Veddar	983 32
Mary Marshall	1,118 58
Charles Arzie	828 78
Cash fund of the Public Administrator to cover expenses	3,782 49
Total	$37,152 55

Memorandums of probable deficiencies in various estates are also enclosed, as follows:

Charles Hopper	$3,700 00
Alleged deficiency in the Commission account	1,000 00
Richard Coghan	1,500 00
Christopher F. Feller	180 00
James McKearney	360 60

The communication was referred to the special Joint Committee having the whole matter in charge. The board then adjourned to the 22d instant.

BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

Building for the Northwestern Dispensary, &c.

The board met in the chamber of the Board at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the President, J. WILSON GREEN, Esq., in the chair.

A resolution was presented and concurred in, setting apart the building in One Hundred and Fifty-first-street, between Second and Third avenues, for the use of the Northeastern Dispensary.

A resolution was concurred in inquiring of the Corporation Council what steps he has taken with a view of prosecuting the sureties of the late Public Administrator, ROBERT B. BRADFORD, for the amount of his embezzlement of the funds under his control.

A long debate was had upon the legality of the appointment of sundry Commissioners of Deeds by the Common Council of last year, which finally resulted in the adoption of a resolution requesting the opinion of the counsel to the corporation thereon.

The board then adjourned to Monday next at 2 o'clock P. M.

THOMAS CARLYLE.

Mr. Henry James' Lecture.

The audience which last evening assembled in Cooper Union hall was not large, but remarkably intelligent and appreciative. Among them were Messrs. BANCROFT, GREELEY, PARTON, TUCKERMAN and BRYANT, Mrs. BOTTA, and other celebrities of literature and philosophy. Judge KIRKLAND, in behalf of the American Association of Science and Art, introduced the Speaker.

Mr. JAMES began by saying that Mr. CARLYLE is as worthy of admiration now as he ever was. He is a genius, not a philosopher, and should be judged accordingly. He disappoints us as a man, mainly because he is deficient in the spiritual nature. He is unsympathetic and impenetrable. He distrusts and despises one who has faith or hope. He prefers despair, and can rise no higher than pity for such men as BROWNING, MILL, HELPS, or JOHN STERLING. He sympathizes, however, with individual cases of suffering, but only so far as they are picturesque and visible. He does not, perhaps, disbelieve in a God, but he considers the idea of any practical connection or influence between God and man as the saddest bosh. He has much of the narrowness of mind to be expected from a descendant of the Covenanters, and this governs the nature of his disbelief. He bitterly opposes any reformer who worships nothing but the idea of a strong will—moral force—and that, too, in some picturesque manifestations. He believes in success, and believes that no one was ever unsuccessful unless he deserved to be. Personally, he is a kindly and genial friend and neighbor; but he has not a glimmer of insight into humanity and its future, or a gleam of sympathy with it. CARLYLE is a hardened declaimer in conversation, and regards little except the effect he may produce. His worship of success has been so long kept up that he has in fact forgotten the differ ence between right and wrong, and his arguments have become a shameless cant, though quite unconsciously so. I was not surprised, said Mr. JAMES, after experiencing CARLYLE's personal habits of mind, at his puerile gabble in *Macmillan's Magazine*, where he sought to solve the greatest problems by the mere power of human genius. And yet, however he should mistrim or attack your principles or beliefs, he would never be guilty of any unkindly or impolite onset upon your own personality; never insulting to yourself individually. He would not have been guilty, moreover, of his recent melancholy drivel, had it not been for the influence of such men as always hang on the skirts of men of genius for their own purposes. Some of CARLYLE's writings have seemed to imply a belief in humanity and progress. But this was a temporary state. He sees nothing hopeful; no way of dealing with feeble men except by enslaving them; no way of treating the wicked except exterminating them. He is a genius; but genius is not necessarily either wise or good. It is far inferior to character, which implies a genuine appreciation and reverence for whatever is true and good. CARLYLE values truth and good, not for themselves, but as a painter does his pigments; for the effects he can produce with them. A real desire for reform he hates. The reason why he hates Americans is, that we believe in reform, and believe him to be such a reformer as some of his writings indicate; and nothing maddens him so much as to be reckoned a reformer. Perhaps it would be nearly correct to give, as the chief reason of CARLYLE's incompetency for his time, his belief that the conflict of good and evil in the world is itself natural, and real and final, instead of being temporary, and the necessary means toward the ultimate and perfect victory of good. The picture of CARLYLE's mental character was finished by a number of spirited and well told anecdotes. Once he was maintaining, in conversation with TENNYSON and others, his peculiar hero-worshipping views, and wishing for a return in England of the days of Duke WILLIAM the Conqueror. "Perhaps," answered TENNYSON, "you would like to have him again cut off the legs of twelve hundred gentlemen, to prevent their bearing arms against him?" "Well," answered CARLYLE, with evident glee at the citation of a point he relished, "Well, I think I have heard of his doing something of that kind. He thought he had a right to do it. And on the whole he had." Thereupon Mr. TENNYSON observed, "He had better not come into my part of the country, then, or he will surely get my knife in his guts!" On another occasion Mr. JAMES introduced a dweller by the shores of Lake Erie, who desired to thank CARLYLE for having done him good, and made a neat little speech to that effect. But the peremptory rejoinder was, "I don't believe a word of it. I don't believe I ever did anybody any good. I don't believe anybody ever did help anybody. Such an idea is the most utter and helpless folly. I never did any good that I saw except to one man, and *he* I never saw; a ship Captain who wrote me that he had been so much helped by me that he had named his ship the *Thomas Carlyle.*" But on searching, it seems, Mr. CARLYLE could not find his naval namesake. The sketch of CARLYLE's ways of thought and speech was followed by a further analysis of his character and defects. He contrasts with EMERSON as a divine sunset with a divine sunrise; or, as the last gasp or death-rattle of a departing divine life in man with the first budding of a new divine life. CARLYLE believes that God is like himself, and gives sway to the strong and hustles the weak out of sight. He believes that the battle *is* to the strong, that the race is to the swift, that might makes right, and the devil take the hindermost. His ideal man is a ruler of men; his ideal society only rule on one hand and obedience on the other; his millennium is nothing but a glorification of force. His weakness is, that he has no sympathy with universal justice, but only with some case of it; none with man, but only with some man; none with the average of humanity, but only with exceptional instances of it. The speaker closed with an application of the case to the social questions of the day, in which our present civilization was characterized as unclean and inhuman. An analogy was drawn between the danger to Europe from neglect of restoring excrementitious matters to the land as manure, and the danger to our own future if we neglect to do full and broad justice to the negro; and a similitude both for our pride and our warning was presented between the European monarchs and Balak; our friends COBDEN, BRIGHT, &c., and Balaam; our unintelligent friends the European peoples and the ass; ourselves and the threatening host of Israelites; and the coming future and the chiding angel.

WASHINGTON-STREET HOMICIDE.

Inquest on the Body of Patrick Dunlap—The Testimony in the Case—Verdict of the Jury—Warrant Issued for the Assailant's Arrest.

Coroner COLLIN held an inquest yesterday on the body PATRICK DUNLAP, who died in the New-York Hospital, on Saturday, from the effects of a stab wound in the left lung, inflicted by EDWARD JOHNSON with a knife, on the afternoon of Friday, the 12th inst., during a quarrel at their residence, No. 150 Washington-street. After a jury was impanneled the following evidence was elicited:

Catharine Dunlap, being duly sworn, deposed: I live at No. 150 Washington-street; I am the wife of deceased; on last Friday afternoon, between 2 and 3 o'clock, a man named Edward Johnson, who resides on the same floor with me, commenced to abuse me, calling me improper names, &c.; I was in my room at the time and he came to my door; my husband was not working that day; I found him at Pier No. 11, North River; I went for him to make a complaint against Johnson; my husband came into my room; while my husband was coming up, and going into his room, he said "come out, you ——;" I shoved him into my room; Johnson then came; I had the door shut: he burst in the door; he knocked the child down in opening the door; I noticed something in his hand shining; I cannot swear it was a knife or a revolver; I shoved him out at that time, shut the door and went for a policeman; I saw a policeman but he would not come off his beat; I then went back and told the neighbors ballooed to me that the two men were in the room; when I got to the room I found the door shut; I went in and saw Johnson standing near the door, and deceased standing up with his two hands on his breast where he was stabbed; Johnson then had his hand in his pocket; my husband said he stabbed him with a pocket knife; he said he tried to keep Johnson away, but he at last stabbed him in the breast, and that the fingers of the deceased were cut in endeavoring to ward off the blows; I asked deceased if he had anything to defend himself with; he said he had an ax; but some women hid it from him; Johnson went away and we have not seen him since; deceased went up to Dr. Whitehead's, in Greenwich-street, and was afterward sent up to the hospital in a carriage.

Margaret Galvin, being sworn, deposed; I reside at No. 150 Washington-street; I occupy a room two floors below Dunlap's; I was washing some clothes when I heard somebody crying up stairs; I went up and entered Mr. Johnson's room first; Mrs. Johnson told me that her husband was in Dunlap's room, and asked me to go in; I went to the door and opened it, when I saw Johnson have the deceased by the neck; I saw a knife in his hands; deceased asked me to come in; I said "No," and shut the door and went away; there was nobody in the room at the time but Johnson and deceased; I saw deceased come out afterward with his hands in his breast; I saw Johnson go on the roof and come down and pass out after deceased; that is all I saw.

Elizabeth Rice, being duly sworn, deposed: I reside at No. 150 Washington-street; I occupy the room next to deceased; the first I knew of it I heard the wife of deceased ask some person to go and call her husband; a few minutes after deceased came running up stairs; he pulled off his coat and said, "Now, Johnson, you ——, come here;" I went to bring my children in, when I saw Johnson and deceased standing near together; I saw a knife in the hands of Johnson; I think it was closed; I went into my room and closed the door; shortly after that I heard something pounding at Dunlap's door, and I heard Johnson say, "Come out, you ——;" it was quiet for another minute or two, and I heard some one go into deceased's room; Mrs. Johnson came to me and asked me, "For God's sake to bring up some person or a policeman, as Johnson was in Paddy Dunlap's room;" I went down to find a policeman, but did not see one; I saw Mrs. Johnson's brother and told him to come up, as they were fighting; he said, "Let them fight away;" I came up stairs and saw deceased going down; I saw Johnson pass down afterward; I have not seen Johnson since.

Dr. Thomas H. White, Resident Surgeon of the New-York Hospital, was the next witness sworn: He deposed to having made a post-mortem examination on the body of deceased; he found an incised wound of the chest, about three-fourths of an inch in length, situated on the left side between the third and fourth ribs, two inches from the median line; the lung was wounded by the steel; in his opinion death was the result of the wounds.

The jury having heard the evidence, brought in the following verdict:

"That PATRICK DUNLAP, the deceased, came to his death by a stab wound at the hands of EDWARD JOHNSON, inflicted Jan. 12, 1866."

The Coroner has issued his warrant for the arrest of the accused, JOHNSON, and it has been placed in the hands of Capt. HELME, of the Twenty-seventh Precinct, for execution.

A NOVEL FRAUD.

A Clerk at Police Headquarters Dealing in Appointments on the Force.

A very singular fraud has just come to light at the Central Office of the Metropolitan Police force, and one which it is difficult to understand under the circumstances. It appears that ABIAL SWIFT, a junior clerk in the chief clerk's office, has been in the habit of obtaining fraudulent appointments on the police force for different persons, receiving compensation for the same. How this was done requires some explanation. In order to afford our readers a proper idea of the case, it will be necessary to describe the routine through which successful applicants for appointment have to pass. After obtaining the indorsement of five responsible citizens, his name is taken down. He then passes before the Board of Surgeons, and if found of the regulation height and able-bodied, he is duly passed by the board and sent to the chief clerk to be sworn in. After taking the oath the appointees go to the clerk charged with the fraud to receive their badges, buttons and numbers for their caps. Such is the usual routine.

On Wednesday last, while the police trials were in progress at headquarters, a patrolman who stood charged with some delinquency in duty came before the Board of Commissioners for examination. Mr. ACTON thought he was below the standard fixed for members of the force—5 feet 8 inches—and he inquired who measured him. The officer replied nobody. On being asked who appointed him, he naively answered "Mr. SWIFT," informing the President that he paid $150 for the appointment. He was immediately arrested and locked up to await examination, it being a criminal offence to personate an officer. As soon as the news of this procedure reached the clerk's ears he vacated his desk, and was not again seen in the headquarters until Sunday morning, when he was brought there by Detective MCCARTY, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, and committed to a cell.

At present it is not known precisely how many of these bogus appointments have been made, but it is understood that six cases have been already discovered. The men having learned for the first time that their appointments were illegal, came and reported to the chief clerk, surrendering their shields. We understand that there cannot be many more yet undiscovered, for the books do not exhibit any deficit.

The way in which SWIFT succeeded in passing the appointments through the regular channels, was to send the men to the chief clerk, with several others who had been regularly passed and appointed, to be sworn in, and on their return, issue the necessary shields and buttons. SWIFT was for six years a patrolman, and as roundsman was terribly beaten while attempting to make an arrest, and in consideration of his severe injuries, was temporarily placed in the clerk's office for duty. Being prompt in the discharge of his duty, and making himself quite useful, SWIFT was retained in the office, and promoted from desk to desk.

The first fraudulent appointee discovered has been released from confinement, as no doubt exists that he acted in perfect faith, supposing that he was pursuing the usual course. Under this view of the case, none of the others were incarcerated. What steps will be taken with them has not definitely been decided upon.

OBITUARY.

Mr. George S. Robbins.

Mr. GEORGE S. ROBBINS, of the well-known banking firm of G. S. ROBBINS & SON, died at his residence in this city at noon yesterday, in the 70th year of his age.

Mr. ROBBINS was seized with an attack of paralysis on Wednesday last, but hopes were entertained of his recovery until Saturday, when it become evident that he was fast sinking. Mr. ROBBINS commenced business in this city many years ago as a jobber of dry goods, but failed during a commercial crisis, and then turned his attention to banking, in which he was eminently successful, having accumulated a very large fortune. Mr. ROBBINS was much respected, and his opinion on financial matters was eagerly sought. He leaves a large circle of friends who sincerely mourn his loss.

The New-England Society.

The adjourned annual meeting of the New-England Society was held at Delmonico's, corner of Fourteenth-street and Fifth-avenue, last evening, JOSEPH H. CHOATE, Esq., President of the society, in the chair.

L. P. HUBBARD, Esq., Secretary, read a list of two hundred names of candidates for membership, among whom were the following well-known citizens:

George Bancroft, Nathan Bishop, LL. D., Isaac N. Phelps, William A. Booth, William Sturgis, Jr., Russell Sturgis, Thomas Denning, Marcus Spring, Gordon W. Burnham, B. W. Merriam, Edward R. Anthony, William W. Leland, Warren Leland, Solomon Jenner, John Davenport, George W. Abbe, Joseph B. Varnum, H. W. Swift, O. M. Beach, Rev. Alexander Vinton, George W. Curtis, Capt. Joseph J. Comstock, James M. Cross, Philip W. Engs, Henry Knight, Joseph A. Sprague, Philip Tillinghast, and N. W Stuyvesant Catlin and Charles Mortimer Catlin, sons of the late Lyndo Catlin, Esq., who was President of the society for ten years.

All the gentlemen proposed were duly elected.

The Rev. FRANCIS VINTON, D. D., of Trinity Church, was elected an honorary member of the society.

The membership of the New-English Society now numbers about nine hundred.

On motion of ELLIOTT C. COWDIN, it was resolved to hold another meeting of the society of three months hence, the place and exact time to be fixed by the board of managers. The object contemplated by the proposed meeting is to provide an opportunity for the members becoming familiar with each other, and for bringing the wives, sisters and daughters of members together at a pleasant New-England reunion.

The meeting, which was a very large one, then adjourned.

Our City Railroads—Their Progress.

A few days ago we published an extended statement of the general features of the various city roads, giving the capital, debt, &c.

We propose to give, from time to time, a sketch of the business of the different lines. We commence with the Second-avenue Road, which runs from Peck-slip to Harlem.

We find the receipts of the company, for seven months, 1864 and 1865, as per returns to the internal revenue office, as follows:

	1864.	1865.		1864.	1865.
June	$34,701 50	$38,295 13	Oct.	$30,187 62	$36,170 21
July	33,178 12	39,480 29	Nov.	27,137 66	32,256 89
Aug.	29,479 74	39,396 17	Dec.	25,855 07	31,769 03
Sept.	30,163 30	37,592 22			
Total				$210,703 01	$254,959 94

showing an increase in seven months of $44,256 93. During the past twelve months the upper end of the road has been relaid with new iron, and six dummy-engine cars are now running on that portion of the line; two more are being built and will shortly be in operation, which will enable the company to run at short and regular intervals, making ten minutes quicker time each way than the Third Avenue Line between Sixty-third-street and Harlem. Within a few months eleven new two-horse cars have been added to the rolling stock, and orders have just been given for *fifteen more.* A large and commodious building has lately been erected at Sixty-third-street for use as repair-shop and storehouse for dummy cars. Many new dwellings have been erected on the avenue within the past year, and many more are now being built. While the receipts of the road have been increasing, there has been a large falling off in the expense of feed, the cost for the month of December, 1865, alone having been $7,200 less than the same month in 1864. The company has not paid any dividend since the rebellion commenced, but from present prospects it cannot be very long before they are resumed. The stock is quoted about 70, which appears unwarrantably low under the circumstances. The business of the Third Avenue Road will have our attention next.

The Sanitary Police.

The following is the regular weekly report of the Sanitary Squad of the Metropolitan Police, for the week ending Saturday, Jan. 13:

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE, No. 300 MULBERRY-STREET, NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1866.

To the Honorable the Board of Police:

GENTLEMEN: The following is the amount of work performed by the members of my command for the week ending Jan. 13, 1866. There have been 426 notices served for the cleaning of 196 sinks, 56 privies, 28 yards, 23 house sewers, 26 cellars, 28 houses, 1 slaughter-house, 2 cisterns, and for the repairing of 8 sinks, 4 sidewalks, 1 stoop, 2 chimneys, and 50 hydrants and waste pipes. There have been cleansed under service of previous notice 146 sinks, 22 privies, 32 yards, 20 house sewers, 30 houses, 24 cellars, 3 cisterns, 9 areas and alleys, and repaired 2 sinks, 1 vault cover, 6 sidewalks, 4 chimneys, and 18 hydrants and waste pipes. All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. G. LORD,
Captain Sanitary Company.

Fires.

IN DUANE-STREET.

About 1 P. M. yesterday a fire was discovered in the first floor of premises No. 8 Duane-street, occupied by RIGLEY & DAVIS as a carpenter-shop. The fire was caused by some shavings, which ignited from sparks from the stove. RIGLEY & DAVIS lost about $300 by fire; insured for $700 in the Albany Insurance Company. The second floor is occupied by NATHANIEL SEXTON, also a carpenter. Loss in stock, $200; not insured. The third floor is occupied by H. STATUNELL, a fancy-case maker. Loss nearly $100; insured for $300 in the Stuyvesant Insurance Company. The building is owned by WM. RHINELANDER, and is damaged about $100.

IN GREENWICH-STREET.

Soon after daylight a fire broke out in the basement of No. 354 Greenwich-street, occupied by WM. BOYLAND as a junk-shop. The fire spread rapidly through the building to the roof, destroying it and the one adjoining, No. 352, before the flames were extinguished. Mr. BOYLAND also occupied the second floor and attic as his residence. Total loss, $300; no insurance. The first floor is occupied by C. HELLES as a lager-bier saloon. Loss $900; no insurance. The first floor of No. 352 is occupied by LOUIS HARTMAN, stove dealer. Loss by Water, $300; insured for $5,000 in the Williamsburgh City and $500 in the Peoples' Insurance Company, of this city. Two families also lived on the upper floors, whose loss will amount to about $200. The buildings are owned by WM. C. TREADWELL. Damage about $800; insured for $3,000 in the Equitable Insurance Company.

Skating Once More.

The cold snap which set in on Sunday has rendered skating once more practicable. Yesterday the "ball" was up everywhere, and good skating was enjoyed at the Central Park lakes, the Fifth-avenue ponds and other localities, including the ponds in New-Jersey and Brooklyn. Thousands of persons were out yesterday, the temperature not being too low for comfort, and the wind being comparatively still. How long the present weather will last not even the almanac-makers can tell, so that our skating citizens had better enjoy the sport while they may. To-morrow we may have slush instead of ice, and a temperature which will render overcoats unendurable.

The following record shows the changes in the temperature during the past nine days:

Jan.	2 A. M.	12 M.	3 P. M.	5 P. M.
7	14	18	9	7
8	7 below.	5	13	10
9	8	22	26	24
10	15	30	37	33
11	32	40	42	38
12	35	42	42	40
13	35	44	46	45
14	31	32	23	25
15	7	20	22	20

Carnivals, music, fireworks, base-ball matches, races and all sorts of things are promised by the skating-pond proprietors, and they will doubtless fulfill their promises if the weather will only let them.

A Valuable Invention.

From the San Francisco Alta California.

Some few days since we made mention of an invention by which boats could be detached from the tackle of vessels, steam or sail, whilst under full headway, without jeopardy to the lives of those on board the boats. We speak of BROWN & LEVEL's patent "lightning disengaging eye." And experiments made yesterday in the harbor fully satisfied all who were present, not alone of its successful operation, but the fact that some such attachment is absolutely necessary for all boats, whether river or ocean steamers or sailing craft. It has been held by many old sailors that it was impossible to detach a boat from the tackling while a vessel was under headway. It was yesterday proven repeatedly to be very feasible, as a steamer's cutter, fully manned, was several times successfully cleared from the tackles of the United States revenue cutter *Shubrick*, Capt. ANDREWS commanding, whilst that vessel was under full head of steam, making at least ten knots an hour. The apparatus is so simple, so plain, that one is amazed, that in all the multitude of nautical inventions, genius never hit upon it. The safety of passengers and crews of vessels liable to disaster depends mainly on the facilities afforded to convey them in safety ashore, and Congressional acts have imposed regulations as to the number and character of small boats that vessels must carry, but up to this date no invention has succeeded in demonstrating its availability in detaching a boat from the lowering gear except BROWN & LEVEL's. Numerous governments have expended large amounts in perfecting such apparatus, and yet to no avail. It has been reserved to California genius to give to the marine of the world a simple yet important invention in this respect, which, besides its positive value in the connection named, will yet be found useful in other shapes in vessels.

A trial will be made in this harbor on board one of the United States revenue cutters shortly, when we shall be able to verify the character of the *Alta's* commendation.

City Mortality.

From the City Inspector's weekly report it appears that 440 deaths occurred in this city last week—100 men, 89 women, 143 boys and 108 girls—being an increase of 7 as compared with the previous week, and a decrease of 70 as compared with the corresponding week in 1865. The mortality by the principal diseases was as follows:

FROM ACUTE DISEASE.			
Angina	2	Fever, puerperal	3
Apoplexy	14	Fever, scarlet	24
Bleeding	3	Fever, typhoid	3
Bleeding from lungs	1	Fever, typhus	3
Bronchitis	16	Inflammation, bowels	10
Cholera infantum	1	Inflammation, brain	1
Colic	1	Inflammation, lungs	32
Convulsions, infantile	37	Inflammation, stomach	8
Convulsions, puerperal	1	Inflammation, womb	2
Croup	9	Jaundice	1
Diarrhea	7	Measles	1
Diphtherite	16	Pleurisy	2
Dysentery	1	Rheumatism	1
Erysipelas	2	Small-pox	1
Total			223

FROM CHRONIC DISEASE.			